

EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT

1. CASE NO. 851016C883004		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 0 1 6		3. OFFICE CODE 8 1 0	
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 8 5 0 9 0 6		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 8 5 1 0 2 4			
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT On 9/6/85, a 7½-month old female infant was placed in an infant plastic hoop sitting/retainer product for bathing by her mother. When the victim's mother turned away, the victim drowned when the suction cups on the product became undone and caused the victim and the product to overturn in the water.					
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Home (Bathroom)		8. CITY Mobile		9. STATE AL 0 1	
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Infant's Sitting Retainer Product 0 6 1 1		11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME "Baby Sitter" MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS A-Plus Products, Inc. PO Box 2975, Beverly Hills, CA 90213			
10B. SECOND PRODUCT None		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS N/A			
12. AGE OF VICTIM 2 0 7		13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE -1 FEMALE -2 UNKNOWN -3 2		14. DISPOSITION DOA 6	
15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Submersion 6 9		16. BODY PART All Parts 8 5		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Victim's Mother 1	
18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3		19. TIME SPENT 0 6 0		20. ATTACHMENTS Multi 9	
21. CASE SOURCE Consumer Complaint 0 7		22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY 8 0 0 7 8 5 1 2 0 6			
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-NEEDS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME <input type="checkbox"/> CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Other Side)					
25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE 1/24/86 MFR/PRVLR NOTIFIED Comments made Excisions/Revisions Firm has not requested further notice.					

(USE OTHER SIDE AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

SUMMARY:

The victim's mother was contacted upon receipt of the assignment. She readily agreed to an on-site investigation. Upon arrival at the complainant's home, I was informed by the victim's father that since my initial phone call to arrange for an on-site, a lawyer had advised them not to provide any information to CPSC because the family is considering a lawsuit against the manufacturer. According to the complaint report, the victim's mother placed the seat in the tub per the product's instructions. She then put the victim in the chair (baby sitter). When she finished ~~bathing her~~ daughter, she (victim's mother) turned away for a second. When she turned back around, she found the child had drowned. The suction cups on the chair had come undone and caused the child and chair to overturn. The complainant, the victim's mother, would not comment on information provided when the complaint was filed. I was permitted to photograph the accident scene and the product. (See Exhibits for details) I was not permitted to obtain the product from the complainant as a sample.

An unofficial sample was collected from the store where the product involved in the accident was purchased. The product was purchased from Super-Saver Wholesale Warehouse, 1100 Beltline Highway, Mobile, Alabama (205)344-6491. According to Mr. Charles Lanclos, Assistant Manager, the store opened on July 18, 1985, and since that time has sold 240 units of the product. According to Mr. Lanclos, the store had not received any complaints regarding the product.

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Product: Sitting/Retainer type product used to assist in holding the infant while in the bathtub.

Type of Material: Hard plastic with large rubber suction cups and a sponge seat.

Brand Name: "Deluxe Baby Sitter"

Manufacturer: A-Plus Products, Inc.
PO Box 2975
Beverly Hills, CA 90213

Patent Number: 223263

Age: 2 Months

Condition: Good

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Size/Dimensions: The product is approximately 6" in height. It is a device designed to retain and support the infant in a sitting position while seated inside a circular hoop rail with 4 vertical legs. Each leg is approximately 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart and has a large suction cup attached to it. A soft matching yellow sponge seat, contoured to add to the baby's comfort and prevent slipping and sliding, comes with the product. The diameter of the hoop rail is approximately 1", and the diameter of the loop is approximately 9". The diameter of the suction cups is approximately 2-5/8", and height of each suction cup is 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Each suction cup bears raised letter markings which read, "BABY SITTER TM PAT. No. 223263." The top of the hoop rail bears black raised letter markings which reads as follows: "WARNING: DO NOT LEAVE CHILD UNATTENDED."

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Assignment/Complaint
2. Photographs of Product and Accident Scene
3. Sample Collection Report of Unofficial Sample
4. Coroner's Report
5. Investigation Guideline #46

CIT:bt
11/12/85
11/25/85

Received via Telecopier
Atlanta Area Office

Date 10/17 Time 2:05

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM 851016 CBB3004

ATTACH. # 1

1. Document Number: HSA0026A1
2. Date of Incident: 9/6/85 Category I.D. SECT 15 1986
3. Follow-up Requested: Hazard Analysis ☐ Section 15 ☒
4. Type Follow-up Requested: Telephone Call ☒ On-Site ☒
5. Headquarters Contact: Marc Schoen 492-6608
6. Assignment Message: Conduct an I.D.I. on the attached Complaint involving a drowning death from an infant bath aid. Obtain detailed accident scenario, with attention to mother's activities and exact whereabouts. Attempt to obtain failed unit as sample - if not available for sample - photograph in detail. Obtain exact product ident. including model #, etc and determine if Foam sponge was being used. Photograph all labeling on product & shipping box. Collect Autopsy report.
7. Person(s) to Contact: [REDACTED] 334
[REDACTED] all
8. Guideline: # 46 nursery products - as general reference.
9. Requested By: A. Kendall
10. Task Number: 851016 CBB3004
11. Assigned to: ATL Date: 10/16

CONSUMER PRODUCT COMPLAINT REPORT

1. NAME OF COMPLAINANT [REDACTED]		2. TELEPHONE NO. [REDACTED]	3. DATE OF INCIDENT 9/6/85
4. CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Mobile, AL 36609		5. CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Mobile, AL 36609	
6. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT(S) Baby Seat		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Objects to release of name. <input type="checkbox"/> Does not object to release of name.	
7. BRAND NAME Baby Sitter		8. MODEL/STYLE NO. Fat. 223243	
9. SERIAL NO.		10. LOT/BATCH NO.	
11. MANUFACTURER, IMPORTER OR DISTRIBUTOR NAME AND ADDRESS A Plus Products, Inc Beverly Hills, Ca.		12. DEALER NAME AND ADDRESS Super Saver Mobile, AL EPDS OCT 16 1985	
13. HOW PRODUCT ACQUIRED Purchased New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Second Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Specify _____			
14. SAMPLE AVAILABLE Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		15. WARNING LABEL Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
16. INSTRUCTIONS Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		17. PRODUCT DAMAGED BEFORE INCIDENT Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18. PRODUCT REPAIRED BEFORE INCIDENT AFTER Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		19. AGE OF PRODUCT (ESTIMATE IF NECESSARY) 2 yrs	
IF INJURY OR ILLNESS COMPLETE ITEMS 20 - 24			
20. VICTIM'S AGE 2 yrs	21. VICTIM'S SEX Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	22. BODY PART(S) INVOLVED Death	
23. TYPE OF INJURY OR ILLNESS Burn <input type="checkbox"/> Fracture <input type="checkbox"/> Cut <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specify Death			
24. MEDICAL TREATMENT RECEIVED Physician's Office <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Room <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Specify _____			
25. GIVE DETAILS OF COMPLAINT, INJURY, OR ILLNESS. DESCRIBE HOW INCIDENT OCCURRED. USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY. The consumer placed the seat in the tub per the instructions. She then put the child in the chair. As she finished bathing her daughter, the consumer turned away for a second. When she turned back around she found the child ^{not} drowned. The suction cups on the chair had come undone and caused the child and chair to overturn. The recommended age group is 6 yrs. and up.			
FOR COMMISSION USE ONLY			
26. RECEIVING OFFICE H/L	27. DATE RECEIVED 10/15/85	28. RECEIVED BY DD	
29. SOURCE OF REPORT Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visit <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Specify _____		30. DOCUMENT NO. H5A0026	
31. FOLLOW-UP ACTION 851016 CBB 3004		32. PRODUCT CODE(S) 0611	
33. DISTRIBUTION		34. ENDORSER'S NAME AND TITLE	

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ATTACH. # 3

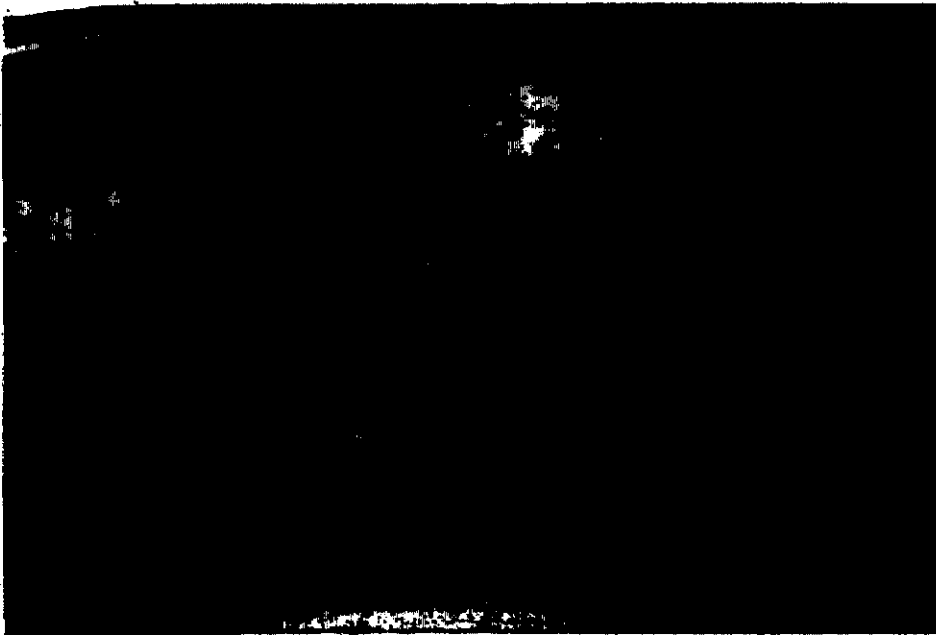
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		Atl		SF	851016CBB3004	10/30/85	0611
9A. PRODUCT NAME				9B. MODEL			
Deluxe Baby Sitter				N/A			
10A. MANUFACTURER'S OR IMPORTER'S NAME			10B. IDENTIFICATION NO.		11A. SENT BY ORG.	11B. SENT TO ORG.	11C. DATE SENT
A-PLUS PRODUCTS, INC.					ATL	CACA	11/12/85
12. OTHER PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION DATA							
One Deluxe Baby Sitter packaged in a cardboard box; box labeled in part "DELUXE BABY SITTING** FOR BABIES FROM SIX MONTHS**A-PLUS PRODUCTS, INC. P.O. BOX 2975, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90213**"							
13A. REASON FOR COLLECTION-SUSPECTED VIOLATION: <input type="checkbox"/> FHSA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CPSA <input type="checkbox"/> FFA <input type="checkbox"/> FPPA <input type="checkbox"/> REA							
13B. ANALYSIS NEEDED-DOC REF.							
Per assignment request, IDI 851016CBB3004, Doc # H5A0026A1 (copy attached) for review by CACA (Marc Schoem)							
14. MANUFACTURER			15. SHIPPER		16. DEALER		
A-Plus Products, Inc. P.O. Box 2975 Beverly Hills, CA 90213 213/204-2024			Same as #14		Super Saver - Wholesale Warehouse 1100 Beltline Hwy Mobile, Alabama 36609 205/344-6491		
17. SIZE OF LOT SAMPLED		18. EST. VAL. OF LOT AFTER SAMPLING		19. COST OF SAMPLE		20. DATE SHIPPED & DOC. REF.	
N/A		N/A		no charge		N/A	
21. SUP. PORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED		21A. INVOICE NO. & DATE			21B. SHIPPING RECORDS NO. & DATE		
		N/A			N/A		
21C. AFFIDAVIT SIGNER'S NAME, TITLE, & DATE							
N/A							
22. SAMPLE SIZE, METHODS OF COLLECTION & PREPARATION							
One unit selected at random from the dealer's shelf stock and held under lock and key until identified as per #23 and placed in plastic bag. The plastic bag sealed as per #24 and delivered to US Post Office in Atlanta.							
23. IDENTIFICATION ON SAMPLE				24. IDENTIFICATION ON SEAL			
86-810-2154 11/12/85 CIT"				86-810-215411-12-85 Carl I. Terry			
25A. SAMPLE DELIVERED TO			25B. DATE		25C. ORIGINAL REPORT/RECORDS SENT TO		
US Post Office Atlanta			11/12/85		SF		
27A. LABORATORY (1)				27B. LABORATORY (2)			
CACA Attn: Marc Schoem				N/A			
26. REMARKS							
Copy of consumer complaint Photos of the product							
29. RELATED SAMPLES						32. TIME EXPENDED:	
None						A. LINE FORCE ACTIVITY 3	
30A. COLLECTOR'S NAME & TITLE						B. MANAGEMENT	
Carl I. Terry, PSI							
31A. REVIEWER'S NAME & TITLE						C. SUPPORT	
William Gentry SPSI							
31B. REVIEWER'S SIGNATURE & DATE						D. TOTAL	
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						E. TRANSIT	

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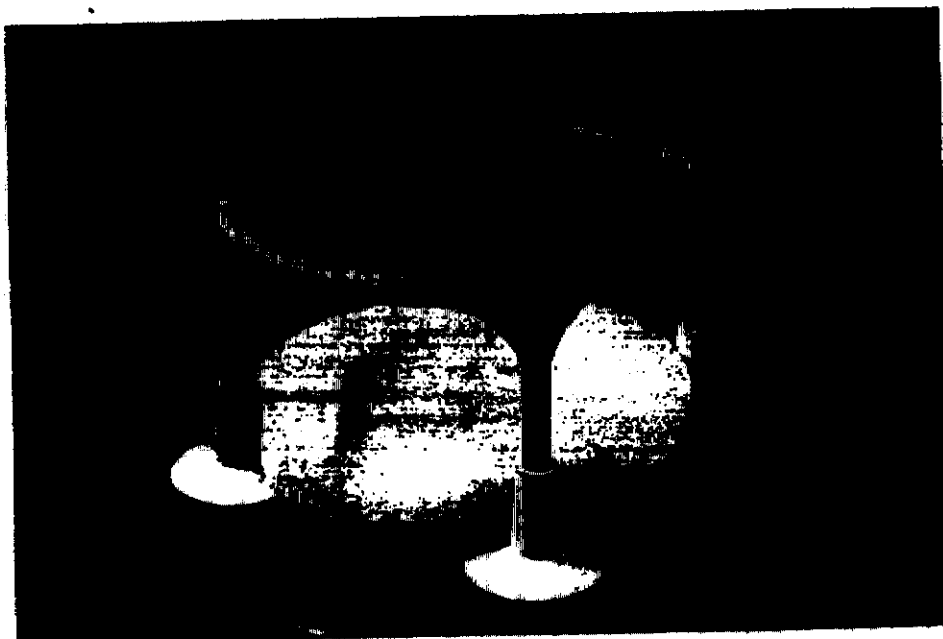
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Accident scene. Parents would not comment about the depth of the water or the exact location of the product at the time of the accident.



Full view of the actual product involved in the accident. This photo was taken at the site of the accident.

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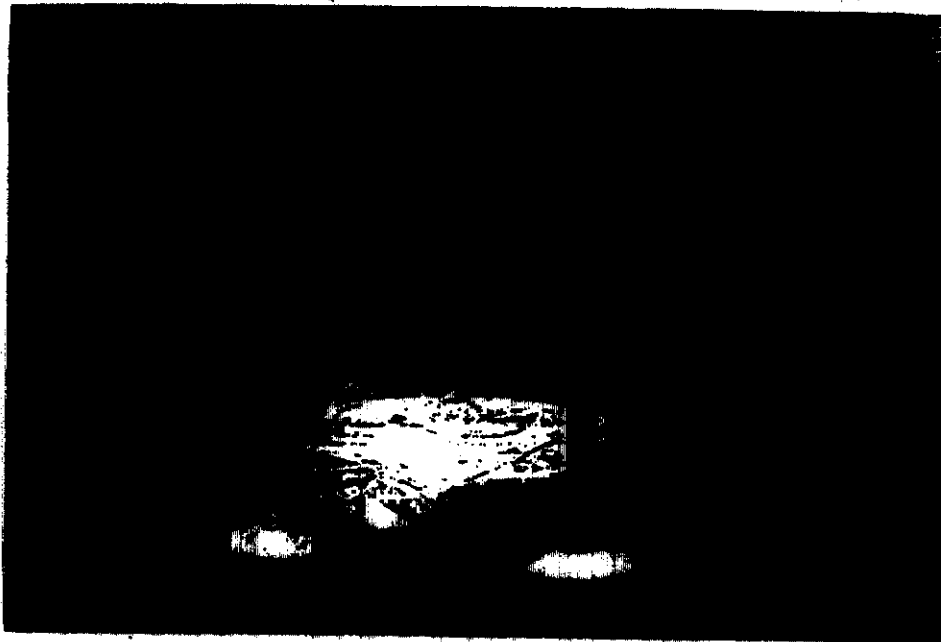
View of product showing distance between the tubular legs.



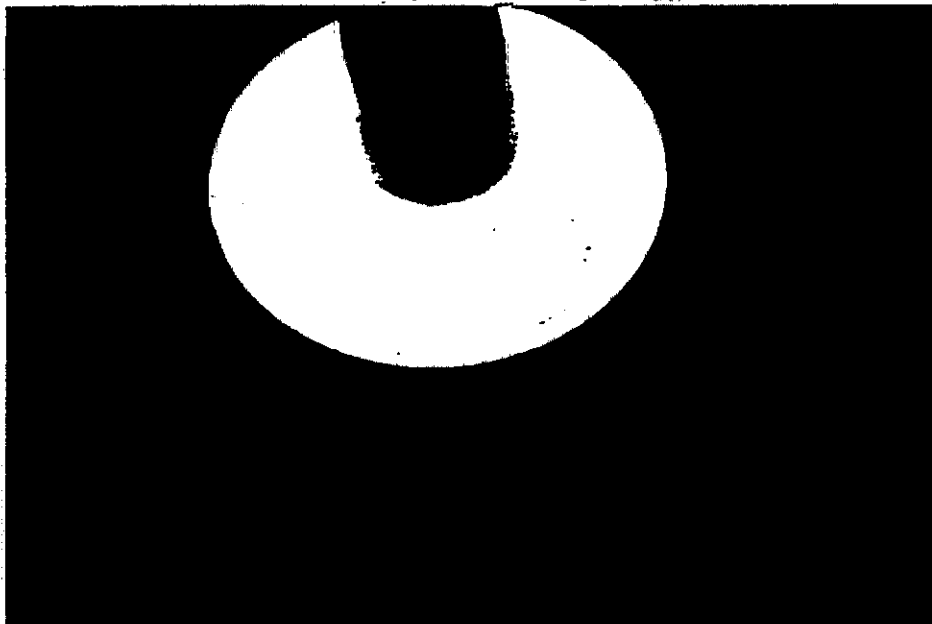
Warning statement with raised black letters.

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Full view of product with sponge seat.



Suction cup attached to each leg with the
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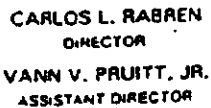
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View of box with product labeling.



Close-up of product description and instructions for use.



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Mobile County Sheriff's Department
ATTENTION: Deputy Rick Drews
Mobile County Courthouse
Mobile, Alabama 36602

Re: Case No. 27(A)-85-32765-
Subject

Dear Sir:

The external examination report is enclosed. This seven months old white female died from complications of submersion in a bathtub. All available evidence indicates that the manner is accidental.

If we can be of any more assistance to you in these matters, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

To King Richard, M.D.

LeRoy Riddick, M.D.
State Medical Examiner

LR: tmb

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jayne Brannan - USAMC Department of Pathology



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Re: Case No. 27(A)-85-32765-
[REDACTED], Subject

MEMORANDUM: To File

BY : LeRoy Riddick, M.D., State Medical Examiner
Gary D. Cumberland, M.D., State Medical Examiner

SUBJECT : External Examination

Under the authorization of the Mobile County Coroner's Office and under the provisions of Alabama Code No. 36-18-2 an external examination is performed upon the body identified as Carrie Barjenbruch. The examination is conducted at the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences Mobile Laboratory on Sunday, September 8, 1985, beginning at 1500 hours, CDT. Mr. Michael Agnew of the Department of Forensic Sciences is assistant to the examination.

DESCRIPTION OF FINDINGS: The body is that of a normally developed, unembalmed, white female infant measuring 24 inches in the crown-heel length, 18 inches in the crown-rump length, weighing 19 pounds and appearing the reported age of seven months.

CLOTHING: The body is received with a green multipatterned with children and toys hospital gown.

EVIDENCE OF RESUSCITATION AND HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE MEASURES: There is evidence of extensive resuscitation and hospital maintenance measures. There is an endotracheal tube in the right side of the mouth, an intravenous infusion set in the right infraclavicular region, another one in the left infraclavicular

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region. There is a cutdown incision with a vascular infusion set in the region of the left radial artery. This region is covered with a bandage. There are two chest tubes in the right lateral surface of the chest, one on the left side. Both of these are covered with bandages. There is a Foley catheter in a urethra. There is a 1 cm cutdown incision on the medial surface of the right ankle. There are multiple needle puncture marks in the inguinal regions. There are a few needle puncture marks over the scalp. There is a hospital identification band on the right ankle. There is a paper diaper present.

HEAD AND FACIES: The head measures 17-1/2 inches in circumference. The anterior fontanelle is patent to palpation. There is a 1 cm in greatest dimension ecchymoses in the left frontoparietal region. There are small needle puncture marks present. The scalp is covered with 1/2 to 1 inch long very fine blonde hair.

EYES: The pupils are widely dilated 5 mm; irides dark blue; conjunctivae pale with no hemorrhages.

NOSE: Nares patent; no injuries.

ORAL CAVITY: There are no injuries to the mucosa. The alveolar ridges are edentulous.

EARS: Normally formed; no injuries.

NECK: Symmetrical; no injuries.

CHEST: There are no injuries other than resuscitation. The chest measures 17 inches in circumference at the nipple line.

ABDOMEN: Protuberant; no injuries, other than resuscitation. The abdomen measures 17 inches in circumference at the umbilicus.

PELVIS AND EXTERNAL GENITALIA: There are no injuries other than those of resuscitation. The labia majorum are edematous and are hyperemic.

LOWER EXTREMITIES: Very chubby; slight edema. There are some ecchymoses in the extensor surface of the right ankle. All digits are present.

UPPER EXTREMITIES: There are small petechial hemorrhages present. There are multiple needle puncture marks in the region

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of both radial arteries and a 1 cm cutdown incision in the region of the left radial artery. All digits are present; normally formed.

BACK: Symmetrical; no injuries.

EVIDENCE OF MAJOR TRAUMA: There is no evidence of mechanical trauma to the body.

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED: Photograph.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Complications of submersion.

MANNER OF DEATH: Accidental.

C. H. Riedel, M.D.
State Medical Examiner

Gary Chambers, M.D.
State Medical Examiner

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Appendix 46



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

Revised December 17, 1984

Nursery Products

I. Introduction

A. Background Information

Nursery product-related injuries appear to be increasing in frequency. While the absolute number of such injuries is not great in comparison with many other products, it must be considered that almost all of the injuries are to children less than 5 years-of-age. Most are to infants under 2 years old. When the small population at risk is considered, the injury rates associated with these products are large. Among children's products, more injuries and deaths to children less than 5 years-of-age involved nursery products than any other group of products.

There is an active and safety conscious trade association for makers of nursery products. Several voluntary standards have been undertaken and our support, through evaluation of these standards and identification of areas for new standards, can result in a good cooperative effort to reduce injuries.

B. Product Class Description

1. Definitions and General Description

Includes all nursery furniture and products used in the care of infants, e.g., changing tables, strollers, pacifiers, disposable diapers, cribs, rattles, high chairs, baby walkers, etc.

2. Specific Items of Interest - Include Diagrams if Available

NO SUCH
Labeling noted

- a) Identify any labeling indicating certification, testing or conformance with mandatory or voluntary standards. Of particular interest are labels certifying conformance with standards of the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA).

- b) Report on any age labeling
AGE LABELING ON CONTAINER

"FOR BABIES FROM SIX MONTHS"



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4. If attempting to simulate the accident sequence with the victim would create a potential for injury, use a doll or other object in place of the victim. *SEE SUMMARY*

C. Description of Product

1. Obtain brand name and manufacturer of product. *SEE PRODUCT DESCRIPTION*
2. Report any labeling on the product and photograph it. Describe location, how affixed, colors of lettering and background. *SEE EXHIBIT #2*
3. Indicate model name, or make of the product. *"BABY-SITTER"*
4. List age of product. *2 MOS.*
5. Describe condition of product. *GOOD - ~~DEF~~*
6. In the absence of brand or model information, provide a photograph, diagram and/or description of the product, sufficient that Compliance or Engineering might identify it if necessary. *SEE ATTACHMENT #2*
7. Provide a description of the part or features of the product which contributed to (not necessarily caused or inflicted) the injury. *SEE ATTACHMENT #2*
8. This guideline covers a large group of products. Many of the concerns are generic to the group, but there are some product-specific concerns. These are as follows:

o Strollers

1. Identify the type of stroller involved. The three main types are:
 - a. Umbrella/collapsing - usually have a fabric seat; collapses to the compact shape for portability; lightweight.
 - b. Traditional or California style - folds flat for storage, usually has a rigid base.
 - c. Rigid - does not fold or collapse at all.
2. Consult the attached draft voluntary standard for strollers and carriages. To the degree possible, determine if the product involved



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4. Carefully examine the restraint system. Learn if it was used regularly. If not used, ask why. If the reason for non-use was the difficulty of operation, ask consumer to demonstrate the system to you.
- o Changing Tables
 1. Measure the height of any rim or other possible retaining structure on the top of the table. Measure with and without any accompanying pad on the changing surface.
 2. Measure the height from the top of the table to the floor.
 3. Ask about restraint system and whether there was one available on the table. Inquire whether it was used, and if not, why not.
 - o Disposable Diapers
 1. Obtain a sample of the product from the same box as the ones involved in the injury.
 2. Determine if symptoms disappeared or were reduced when the parents changed brands.
 3. Indicate how soon the symptoms appeared after starting to use the package or brand of diaper.
 - o Crib Mobiles and Exercisers
 1. Measure the length of any strings or cords.
 2. Report how the components are attached.
 3. Report how the product attaches to the crib, bed, etc.
 4. Report how the baby got access to the product.
 - o Cribs
 1. Determine the measurements of the mattress, and how well it fit the crib.



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2. If the product was a baby gate, report whether it was an accordion-style folding gate, or a sliding type with a solid top rail.
 3. Report how the gate was attached or held in the opening it was supposed to block.
- o Baby Swings
 1. Report the material of the seat.
 - o Pacifiers, Rattles, and Similar Products
 1. Measure all measurable dimensions.
 2. Test, using the appropriate test fixture.
 3. Collect a sample if the hazard is impaction or choking.
 - o Bicycle Carriers
 1. Describe how the carrier attached to the bicycle, and how the child is held into the carrier.
 2. Indicate whether there were footguards present to keep the child's feet out of the spokes.
 3. Determine if the carrier had any effect on the severity of the injury, either reducing or increasing it.
 - o Bassinets and Cradles
 1. Identify the material from which the bassinet or cradle is made.
 2. Identify the covering of any mattress, pad or bumper pad.
 3. Photograph any staples which pulled out or protruded. Photograph any structural ripping, tearing, breaking, or loosening.

Others

Special instructions will be provided as appropriate.



INVESTIGATION GUIDELINE

III. Instructions for Photographing and/or Diagramming Accident Scene and Factors Related to the Accident Sequence

Photograph all features of the physical environment directly involved in the accident.

- o Diagram the positions of the victim, product, parent immediately prior to, during, and after the accident. (Do not include pacifier or rattle cases.)

IV. Instructions for Obtaining Samples and Documents Related to the Investigation

If the accident resulted in a death, attempt to get coroner and police reports. This is especially important in cases where the police or coroner have the product.

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1. TASK NUMBER 970611CCC1300		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 8 5 7 0		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
3. OFFICE CODE 820	4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 9 7 0 3 0 9	5. DATE INITIATED YR MO DAY 9 7 0 6 27		
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT UPC A 6 MONTH OLD FEMALE SUCCUMBED TO INJURIES SUFFERED WHEN THE BATH SEAT SHE WAS IN TIPPED OVER IN THE TUB WHICH WAS FILLED WITH APPROXIMATELY 6" OF WATER. THE MOTHER LEFT THE CHILD UNATTENDED WHILE SHE WENT TO ANSWER THE TELEPHONE.				
7. LOCATION (Home, School, etc.) HOME 10		8. CITY PHILADELPHIA		9. STATE PA
10A. FIRST PRODUCT BATH SEAT 1557		10B. TRADE/BRAND NAME SPLASH SEAT		10C. MODEL NUMBER
10D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS GERRY UNKNOWN UNKNOWN				
11A. SECOND PRODUCT BATH TUB 0611		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME ONE		11C. MODEL NUMBER JNH
11D. MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS UNK				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 006	13. SEX 2	14. DISPOSITION FATALITY 8	15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS ANOKIA DROWNING 69	
16. BODY PART (S) INVOLVED APB 85	17. RESPONDENT M.E.'S OFFICE 3	18. TYPE OF INVESTIGATION OTHER 3	19. TIME SPENT (OPERATIONAL HOURS) 11	
20. ATTACHMENT(S) M.E.'S REPORT 2	21. CASE SOURCE CORONER 12		22. SAMPLE COLLECTION NUMBER NONE	
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON NEISS CASES ONLY) NO				
24. REVIEW DATE	25. REVIEWED BY		26. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR	
27. DISTRIBUTION O:EHDS CC:				

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No Comments made
Comments attached
Excisions/Revisions
Firm has not requested
further notice

Information provided in this report was supplied by the medical examiner's office who would not permit contact with the parents. The responding police department did not wish to cooperate in this investigation.

PRE-ACCIDENT

The victim in this incident was a 6 month old female, DOB 8/18/96. Height and weight are 4-1/8" and 19 lbs., respectively. The victim, her mother and older sister were staying at the home of the victim's grandmother, however, since this is not the child's listed address, it is unknown why or how long they had been staying in a residence that was not their own. What is known is that on the day of the accident, 3/9/97 at approximately 6:00 p.m., the mother was giving the 6 month old victim a bath in the bathroom of this residence.

According to information provided by the responding police to the medical examiner, the mother stated that she had filled the tub with approximately 6 inches of water, placed an infant bath seat in the tub and placed her child in the seat to bathe her. The mother stated that the bath seat had rubber suction cups on the bottom which was supposed to adhere the seat to the tub's surface, thus allowing the child to sit upright to be bathed. The mother admitted that the suction cups did not stick. It is unknown if and when the bath seat was purchased or if it was new or used and what conditions existed which allowed the suction cups not to stick to the bottom of the tub. The mother stated that while she was bathing the victim, the telephone rang and she went to answer it.

ACCIDENT

While the mother was on the telephone, she heard her older child screaming and she returned to the bathroom to find the 6 month old victim lying on her back with her face under the surface of the water. The child was still in the bath seat.

POST ACCIDENT

The mother removed the child and called "911". The local emergency medical service arrived and began resuscitative efforts and transported the victim to the local hospital. The child was then transported to Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, PA where she expired on 3/10/97.

According to the medical examiner's investigator, the responding police department collected the bath seat for photographic purposes and then was going to forward the seat to them. However, the M.E.'s office has not received the bath seat to date.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

The product involved in this accident was a "Gerry Splash Seat" which is a bath seat designed bathing infants in a conventional bathtub. The bath seat, according to the medical examiner's report, is constructed of plastic and has four suction cups on the bottom which is supposed to adhere to the porcelain surface of the tub to ensure that the child would not float or tipover in the water. According to the M.E.'s office, the mother related that the suction cups did not work properly. No other information is available concerning the bath seat.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit #1 Copy of medical examiner's report.

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OFFICE of the MEDICAL EXAMINER
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DEATH CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

M.E. CASE No.
97-1159
GALES, Lashana
POLICE FILE No.
DATE REPORTED
03/11/97 9:27am/ETS

NAME OF DECEASED (First Middle Last) Lashana GALES	AGE 6Months	RACE Black	SEX Female
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[1] Name.....
[4] Date of Death.....10 Mar 97 8:10am
[8b] County of Death.....Philadelphia
[8c] City of Death.....Philadelphia
[8d] Facility Name.....Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
[9] Hispanic Origin.....
[24] Time of Death.....8:10am
[25] Date Pronounced.....10 Mar 97
[26] Referred to MEO.....Yes
[27a] Immediate Cause of Death.....Drowning
[27b] Due To (or consequence of)....
[27c] Due To (or consequence of)....
[27x2] Other significant conditions..
[28a] Autopsy Performed...Yes
[28b] Autopsy Results.....Yes
[29] Manner of Death.....ACCIDENT
[30d] Date of Injury.....> 09 Mar 97
[30d] Time of Injury.....> 6:00pm
[30c] Injury at Work.....No
[30d] Describe Injury.....> Drowned in bathtub
[30e] Place of Injury Home, another's
[30f] Location.....> 41 N. 10th Street
> Darby Borough, PA
[31d] Date Signed.....12 Mar 97
[32] Pathologist.....Peter W. Schilke MD
Forensic Fellow
321 University Avenue

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Case Registration Summary

M.E. CASE NO. 97-1159 GALES, Lashana POLICE FILE NO.

DATE REPORTED
03/11/97 9:27am/ETS

REPORTED BY	NAME Dr. Jane KIFF	AFFILIATION Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
	TOWN/HOSPITAL NAME & ADDRESS/OTHER ADDRESS One Children's Center, 34th & Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA, 19104	
	NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) [REDACTED]	AGE 6Months
	RACE Black	SEX Female
	ADDRESS (Street, Town, State) [REDACTED] PA 19018	PHONE [REDACTED]
	PLACE OF DEATH Children's Hospital of Philadelphia	PRONOUNCED DEAD ->
	DATE (Date) 10 Mar 97	AT (Time) 8:10am
	PLACE ADDRESS One Children's Center, 34th & Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA, 19104	BY Dr. Abdullah ALTURKI
DISPOSITION	Sign-out w/Examination	PRINTED ON 12 Mar 97 11:24am
REPORTED TO	NAME OF INVESTIGATOR	MEDICAL EXAMINER Bennett Preston MD
NAME-NOK-RELATIVE	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
		NOTIFIED BY

CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH

Decedent was left unattended in the bathtub, momentarily by the mother, who went to answer the phone, and drowned at the grandmother's house. Mother's attention was attracted by her other daughter screaming.

Mother calls 911 and Darby EMS responds to the grandmother's residence at 41 N. 10th St., Darby Borough and starts CPR and transports emergently to Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital.

She was intubated in the ER; ABG - 6.75; CO2 - 37; O2 - 473; BiCarb - 5.9; given epi x 3 and atropine x 1. Pupils were fixed and dilated upon presentation at Fitzgerald Mercy.

Transferred to CHOP - pupils were no longer fixed and dilated; however, she had cardiovascular instability; unable to maintain BP, despite all efforts.

T/C to Darby Borough PD, 586-1100, will have someone call back with available details.

T/C to DelCo CID, Sgt O'BERG, 891-4715. Children and Youth Services had notified them earlier today and Darby Borough PD is enroute to initiate and investigation at the time of this writing. Darby Borough PD is the appropriate police agency and

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NAME OF DECEASED (Last, Middle, Last) [REDACTED]	AGE 6Months	RACE Black	SEX Female
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Circumstances of Death: (continued)

will advise...ets

3/12/97 1030AM - T/C from P/O Frank GENTILINI, #66, Darby Borough. This incident happens on 3/9/97 at about 1800 at the grandmother's house, [REDACTED] Sr., Darby Borough. It seems as though the mother was bathing the child utilizing a plastic child bath seat, known as "GERRY SPLASH SEAT." It is a plastic seat with four suction cup devices which is supposed to sit flat on the bottom of the tub and allow the child to sit in an upright position. While the mother is bathing the child, she goes to answer the phone and when she returns the child is still in the seat, but on her back, with her face under water. Water height is thought to have been 6". Mother removes child and EMS is called. Others in the house at this time were another sibling and the grandmother. No record of previous contacts with the police of Children & Youth Services. P/O GENTILI requests copy of MEO findings as they become available. He needs to finish photographing the seat and it will be available tomorrow, 3/13/97...ets

Accident Information:
Primary Vehicle:

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REPORT OF AUTOPSY

M.E. CASE NO.
97-1159
DATE OF DEATH
10 Mar 97

	AGE	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
	6Months	Black	Female	2'	19 lb
Dr. Abdullah ALTURKI	AT	Children's Hospital of Philadelphia		DATE	TIME
				10 Mar 97	8:10am
				RELATION	
				Mother	

PATHOLOGIC FINDINGS:

- I. Drowning.
 - A. Slightly dusky brain.
 - B. Mild pulmonary edema.
 - C. Yellow-clear fluid in the stomach.
- II. No evidence of trauma.
 - A. No optic nerve sheath hemorrhages.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Drowning

MANNER OF DEATH: ACCIDENT

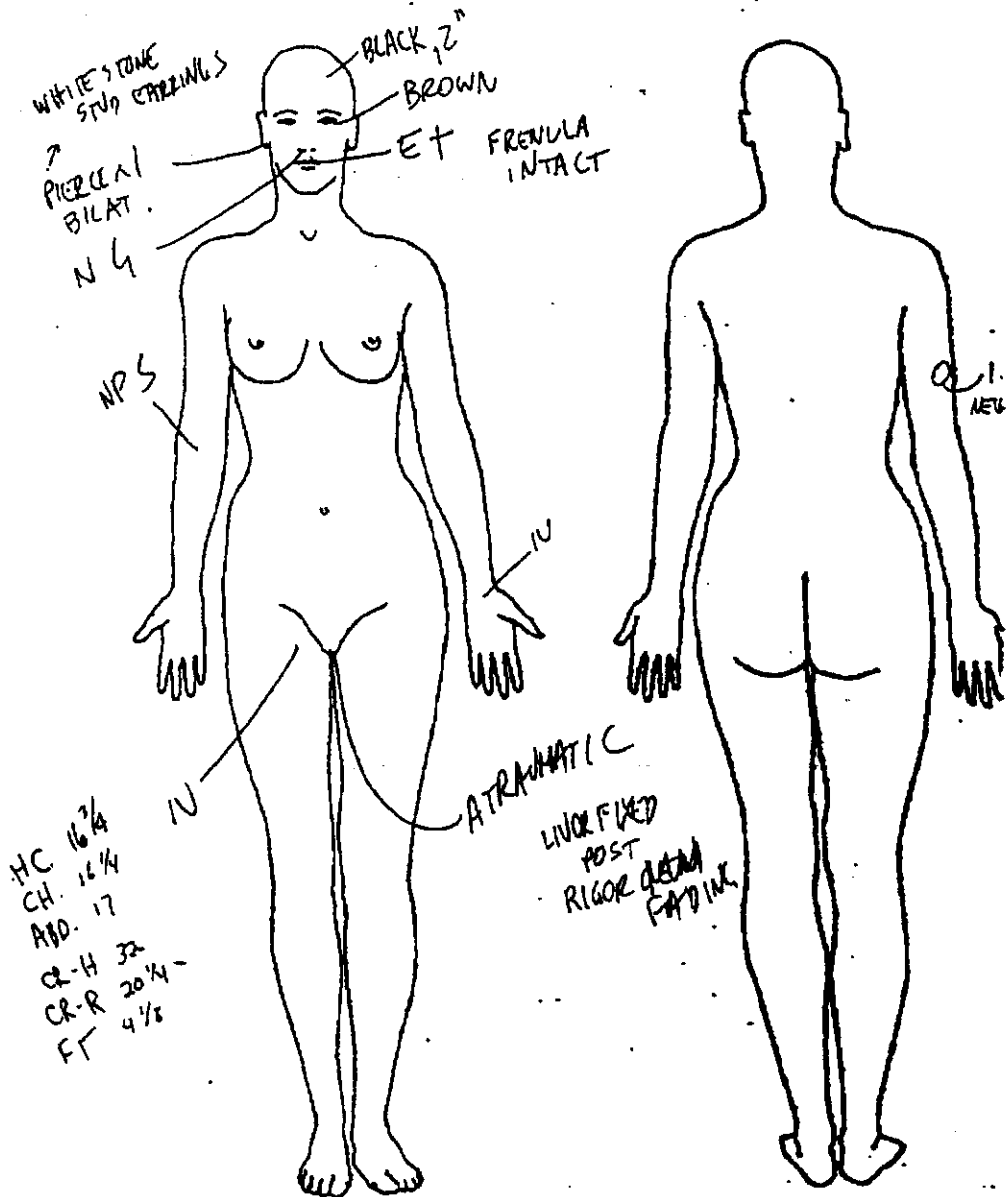
Peter W. Schilke MD
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19 Mar 97

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Assistant Medical Examiner
19 Mar 97

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Female, full body, anterior and posterior

Name [REDACTED] Antopsy No. 9.7-1159
Age [REDACTED] Race B Sex F Date 3/12/97
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NAME
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This six month old black female was found submerged in the bathtub and died after resuscitative efforts.

PRESENTATION, CLOTHING, AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

The unclad body is received in the supine position. Stud-style earrings with white stones are in the ears.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL INTERVENTION:

1. A nasogastric tube exits the right naris.
2. An endotracheal tube exits the mouth.
3. Numerous needle puncture sites are in the right antecubital fossa.
4. An intravascular catheter is in the anterior left wrist.
5. An intravascular catheter is in the right inguinal region.

POSTMORTEM CHANGES:

Rigor mortis is fading, and fixed livor mortis is on the posterior surface except in the areas of pressure.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of an unembalmed, well-developed, well-nourished black female who appears consistent with the listed age of six months. The head circumference is 16 3/4". The chest circumference is 16 1/4". The abdominal circumference is 17". The crown-heel length is 32". The crown-rump length is 20 1/4". The foot length is 4 1/8". The body weighs 19 pounds.

The head hair is black, full, slightly curled, and measures up to 2" in length over the crown. The irides are brown. The nose, lips, and gums are atraumatic, and the frenula are intact. The earlobes are bilaterally pierced.

The chest and abdomen are atraumatic.

The upper and lower extremities are normally developed, and a 1"

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Narrative Description: (continued)


slightly hyperpigmented nevus is on the posterior right arm.
The external genitalia, perineum, and anus are atraumatic.
The back is atraumatic.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION

Examination of the body cavities reveals approximately 20 milliliters of slightly blood-tinged fluid in the right and left pleural cavities consistent with postmortem changes. None of the ribs are fractured. The 38 gram heart is grossly unremarkable. The right and left lungs weigh 90 and 83 grams, respectively, and are mildly edematous. The 224 gram liver is grossly unremarkable, and the gallbladder contains approximately 5 milliliters of bile. The 20 gram spleen and 17 gram pancreas are grossly unremarkable. The adrenal glands have a combined weight of 6 grams. The right and left kidneys weigh 25 and 29 grams, respectively, and are grossly unremarkable. The urinary bladder is empty. The stomach contains 20 milliliters of yellow clear fluid. The small and large intestines are grossly unremarkable, and the appendix is present. The structures of the neck are grossly unremarkable. The 727 gram brain is slightly dusky; however, it is otherwise grossly unremarkable. No appreciable water is in the sphenoid sinus. Examination of the optic nerve sheaths reveals no hemorrhage, and a posterior dissection of the back reveals no soft tissue hemorrhage.

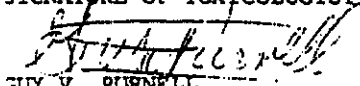
Autopsy Started: 12 Mar 97 9:00am


Peter W. Schilke MD
Forensic Fellow
19 Mar 97


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19 Mar 97

(End of Report)

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TOXICOLOGY REPORT CITY OF PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER		CASE NO. 1159-97 NAME [REDACTED] AGE 64 RACE B SEX F DR. BP/PS																								
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CERTIFICATION OF IDENTIFICATION		CITY OF PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER		CASE NO. 97-1159	
APPARENT PLACE OF DEATH Children's Hospital of Philadelphia 41 N. 10th Street Darby Borough, PA			USUAL RESIDENCE 80 West Maryland Clifton Heights, PA 19018		
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)					VETERAN <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
SEX Female	RACE Black	DATE OF BIRTH 08/18/96	AGE 6 months	MARITAL STATUS Single	
CITIZENSHIP USA	OCCUPATION Infant	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		BIRTHPLACE Darby, PA	
FULL NAME OF SPOUSE N/A			MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME		B. SERIAL NO.
FATHER'S NAME			RELIGION Baptist		
Y. & M. (Last, First, Middle Initial)		RELATIONSHIP Mother	I.D. WITNESS (non-informant)		RELATIONSHIP
Darby, PA 19023		TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE		TELEPHONE
DECEASED MEDICAL HISTORY She was healthy.					
L.H.D. (Name)		ADDRESS	HOW LONG TREATED		DATE LAST VISIT
USE OF DRUGS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND MEDICATIONS					
GIVE FACTS RELATIVE TO CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH It happened on Sunday 9 Mar 97 at about 6:00pm. She was in a seat with suction cups on the bottom but they didn't stick. I was in the next room getting some clothes for her to wear. When I went back in she was lying on her back below the water.					
AUTHORIZED FUNERAL DIRECTOR McCullough		TELEPHONE	CERTIFIED TO (Investigator's Signature) D. B. L.		
NAME OF NEXT OF KIN Jeneen Gales		RELATIONSHIP Mother			
SIGNATURE OF IDENTIFICATION WITNESS		SIGNATURE OF IDENTIFICATION WITNESS (2nd)			DATE/TIME 12 Mar 97

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

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Rec'd 6/11

DOCUMENT NUMBER: *X976-2059A*

DATE OF INCIDENT: *3/9/97* CATID: *SECTRR1997*

FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED HAZARD ANALYSIS () SECT 15 (X)

TYPE FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE () ON-SITE (X)

HEADQUARTERS CONTACT: Renee Rauchschnalbe 504-0608 x1362
Marc Schoen 504-0608 x1365

ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE: Please complete the investigation using the Investigation Guideline. It is very important to establish the detailed sequence of events in these incidents including the infant's position during the incident and the use of any bath rings, seats, or infant bathtubs. Exact age of infant (DOB and date of incident) needs verification and determine length of time between when child was last observed as fine until he/she was discovered submerged.

For fatal incidents, please interview any parents or caregivers for the detailed sequence of events to the extent possible. If the state does not allow contact with the next-of-kin in a fatal incident, collect all official documentation including coroners or medical examiners reports, paramedics report, police investigation, social worker's report, and any medical treatment records.

Person(s) to Contact: *Officials*
Next of Kin, If M.E. permit

Guidelines: 110 Bathtub Incidents Involving Children <18 Months Old

Task Number: *970611CCC1350* Date: *970611*

Assigned to: *MASC* Requested by: *[Signature]*

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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S/CORONER'S REPORT FORM

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Date of accident 47-3-9 Date of death 97-3-10

Type of consumer product involved Catheter / Henry splash seat
 Manufacturer, Model, Brand name, and Serial No. of product

"Henry Splash Seat" N/A 1976-2059

Is product available for examination? yes no. If yes, where? ISSUE 37

N/A JUN 10 1997

Brief description of accident sequence: (PLEASE INCLUDE THE AGE AND SEX OF THE VICTIM(S) AND THE CITY AND STATE IN WHICH THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED)

6 month old female left unattended in back seat
by mother who went to answer the phone. died due
to "Henry splash seat" which later flew in tube with
oxygen cups. Child was still in seat but on
back with face under motor

Contract Information: Please include the name, address and telephone number of any state/local personnel who investigated the accident. 610-586-116

Pd. Frank Stetler "cc. Doherty's Police Dept." 1100

Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Case No. 97-1159
 Reporter's Name Debra L. Githin Date Reported April 30 1997
 Reporter's Office (incl. city, county and state) Albany Pa
 Medical Examiner's/Coroner's Name Peter W. Githin M.D.

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1. CASE NO. 880413CBB0292		2. INVESTIGATOR'S ID 9 2 0 7		3. OFFICE CODE 8 1 5		EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT
4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR MO DAY 8 6 1 1 0 6		5. DATE INVESTIGATION INITIATED YR MO DAY 8 8 0 2 0 2				
6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT Inexperienced 18 year old female babysitter allowed a 8 month old female baby to sit unattended in a bathtub inside a plastic yellow bathing ring for approximately 1 hour. The ring was equipped with 4 legs inserted into suction cups. There was a warning on the ring. There was approximately 9-11 inches of water in the tub. There were plastic and sponge toys in the tub also. Baby was found by sitter floating in tub. She removed baby and applied mouth to mouth resuscitation. Baby declared dead at scene by medical examiner. Autopsy performed, copy attached.						
7. LOCATION (Home, school, etc.) Residence Bathroom		8. CITY 1 0 Grand Rapids		9. STATE MI M I		
10A. FIRST PRODUCT Child Bathing Ring		11A. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, "The Baby Sitter" MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS A-Plus Products, Inc., 8780 National Blvd., Culver, CA 90232				
10B. SECOND PRODUCT None Bathing Ring		11B. TRADE/BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER & ADDRESS N/A				
12. AGE OF VICTIM 2 0 8		13. SEX (Use numerical code) MALE -1 FEMALE -2 UNKNOWN -3 2		14. DISPOSITION DOA 8		15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS Drowning 6 9
16. BODY PART All Parts 8 5		17. RESPONDENT(S) (Mother, Friend) Attorney 3		18. TYPE INVESTIGATION ON SITE 1 TELEPHONE 2 OTHER 3 3		19. TIME SPENT 0 8 0
20. ATTACHMENTS 1. Accident Report 2. Copy Police Interview 3. Autopsy Report 9		21. CASE SOURCE Complaint 0 7		22. REVIEWED BY YR MO DAY 8 1 3 0 8 8 0 5 1 8		
23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES (NON-HESS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME <input type="checkbox"/> CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						
24. NARRATIVE (See Instructions on Other Side) Upon advice of surviving parents counsel, no visit was made to actual site nor were parents and babysitter interviewed in person. Epidemiological information furnished by attorney, police report, police interview of babysitter and autopsy report. An 18 year old female live-in babysitter gave a 7 month old baby a bath and left her unattended for approximately one hour while she attended to two other children, making lunch for them and attending to their needs. She admitted this was her first experience taking care of the children alone and only the second time she had given the baby a bath, both on the same day. She placed the baby in a yellow plastic ring attached to the bottom of the bath tub by 4 legs inserted into suction cups. The babysitter had been living in the home for approximately a month prior to the accident. According to a police interview she left the baby in the tub from approximately 1 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. She stated she checked on the child at 1:35 p.m. and said she was all right. She said she heard splashing and assumed the baby was all right. There were plastic and sponge rubber toys in the tub surrounding the yellow ring. There was approximately 9 to 11 inches of water in the tub. She stated she found the baby floating in the tub at 2:10 p.m. She removed the baby to a nearby bed and applied mouth to mouth resuscitation. She called her mother and asked her to come over.				25. REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW Eric B. Gault DATE 5/19/88 MER/PRV/LER NOTIFIED		

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Several other people also arrived. The parents and police were notified. The baby was pronounced dead at the scene and removed to the hospital for an autopsy, a copy of which is attached.

The product involved is called "The Baby Sitter" and manufactured by A-Plus Products, Inc. of 8780 National Boulevard, Culver, CA 90232. It is made of hard yellow plastic. It has 4 legs with suction cups attached. It has raised embossed letters, painted black, stating "Warning - Do Not Leave Child Unattended" on the top of the ring. It was purchased at a local Meijer Thrifty Acre store. The original carton and instructions were disposed of shortly after purchase. A similar unit purchased by the attorney for the parents had a sponge seat included. The carton contains a statement "for babies from 6 months." The ring remained attached to the tub during this incident. The accompanying pictures are of the actual ring used, but the pictures of the container are not of the original carton.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR NARRATIVE

Use the following "outline" during in-depth investigations to reconstruct the accident sequence and to describe the condition associated with the accident or injury. Include in your narrative as many factors as possible relating to the victim's activities, accident, injury, and product(s). Use Supplemental Investigation guides if appropriate. Be sure to enclose photos and diagrams as per instructions to enhance your report.

PRE-ACCIDENT: Activities of victim prior to accident; unusually tired or fatigued; physical condition (consider: acutely ill, chronically ill, handicapped or disabled, under influence of drugs or alcohol); upset for any reason; awareness that this activity might be dangerous; any safety precautions taken to prevent such an accident; familiarity with proper operation of product; level of experience with product; performed this specific activity before; immediate environment and related factors (atmospheric conditions; obstacles; wet, uneven, rough, or slippery surface). Who is the owner of the product causing or involved in the accident? Did operator (victim) previously read and understand product owner's manual? What was the original intent of using the product involved in the accident?

ACCIDENT: Exact activity of victim at time of injury; any distractions or unusual circumstances (i.e. in a hurry); relative position of product and part of body injured; type of energy transfer that caused injury (mechanical, electrical, thermal, radiation, chemical); source of energy involved (product, victim, outside source); safety measures/devices being followed or used or removed at time of accident.

POST-ACCIDENT: Actions of victim, or bystanders; injury treatment; severity of injury, any permanent impairment (nerve damage, stiff joints, loss of sight, etc.); action taken to prevent reoccurrence; principal dimensions of area involved; physical condition of materials after accident.

PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION: Who manufactured the product; when; of what material was the product constructed; any caution instructions, age recommendations; describe any controls on product, such as on/off mechanism; describe any safety device(s) on or included with product; describe general condition of product, broken parts, sharp edges, small removable parts; has the product been repaired, where, when, how; were any parts removed or replaced; was the product assembled when purchased; was the product purchased or rented; where, when; if the product is electrical, was it plugged in at the time of accident, was it grounded and/or double insulated; describe the length of cord and its condition; include the product's brand name, serial number, date code, catalog or model number, etc.

ATTACHMENTS: Describe exactly what is attached, what each attachment consists of (i.e., 12" x 12" piece of fabric, etc.) and any record of material identification (i.e., fire department report #xxx). Also list the sample number for any sample collected.

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BABY

FOR BATHTIME HELP AND CONVENIENCE



SEAT



BABY SITTER

The greatest help to mothers since the stroller! Take the worry out of feeding baby... in the bath... around the house... in the garden.

The suction cups hold "The BABY SITTER" down firmly and safely — even the sturdiest child cannot topple it.

It is especially useful at bath time — supports baby without any lift strains and yet allows free movement. Enables you to wash and soap baby at will and then to relax and watch him play joyfully for as long as you like.

Most important — you can enjoy all those delightful things WITHOUT ANY CONTINUOUS BACKACHE AND BENDING OVER THE BATH!

Instructions for use:

1. Ensure suction cups are free of oil or grease before use.
2. Wet cups thoroughly before using on a dry surface.

3. Press "The BABY SITTER" firmly on to the surface used and ensure that it is absolutely secure before putting baby inside.
4. It is recommended that the "BABY SITTER" be used only on a smooth plastic laminate or similar (type) surface.
5. To remove "The BABY SITTER" after use, pry cups loose.
6. Despite the great advantages of "The BABY SITTER", responsible mothers will always keep a watchful eye on their precious babies.

FOR BATHTIME AID

EXTRA CONVENIENCE — NO STRAPS

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FOR BABIES FROM 6 MONTHS

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GENERAL INCIDENT REPORT

1 INCIDENT NO. 094857	2 REPORTING OFFICER/BADGE WILLIAMS T 012	3 TIME AND DATE REPORTED 1424 / 11-06-86	4 INCIDENT OCCURRENCE BETWEEN	5 TIME	6 DATE	7 TIME	8 DATE
INCIDENT TYPE WILD NEGLECT-BABY DEATH			INCIDENT ADDRESS [REDACTED]				
NAME			R/S	AGE OF D.O.B./ INVOLVEMENT	A	ASKED IN TIME / DATE	HOME ADDRESS / PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT / HOME
[REDACTED]			M/P	03-06-86	13	14	15
[REDACTED]				VICTIM	13	14	15
[REDACTED]			M/F	08-28-88			
[REDACTED]				SUSPECT			
[REDACTED]			M/M	09-07-88			
[REDACTED]				FATHER			
[REDACTED]			M/F	--			
[REDACTED]				MOTHER			
21 CALLED IN AS IF <input type="checkbox"/> JO <input type="checkbox"/> Q <input type="checkbox"/>	22 IN PROGRESS ON ARRIVAL Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	23 NON-VICTIM CITIZEN HELP Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	24 ASK FOR I.S. OFFICERS Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	25 VISIBLE FROM STREET Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/>	26 DAYLIGHT INCIDENT Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> U <input type="checkbox"/>	27 LIGHTING STREET	28 SCENE
POINT OF ENTRY		METHOD OF ENTRY		INCIDENT PECULIARITIES			

REPORTING OFFICERS WILLIAMS AND KOOISTRA #060, WERE SENT TO [REDACTED] TO INVESTIGATE THE DEATH OF A BABY. [REDACTED] IS A LIVE-IN BABY SITTER FOR [REDACTED]. THE [REDACTED] BOTH WENT TO WORK THIS DATE AT 0800 HOURS, LEAVING THEIR THREE CHILDREN WITH [REDACTED].

REPORTING OFFICER OBSERVED THE SCENE WHERE THE DROWNING OCCURRED. IBO WAS THERE AND SKETCHED AND PHOTOGRAPHED THE AREA. REPORTING OFFICERS INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] AND TOOK STATEMENTS FROM THEM.

REPORTING OFFICERS THEN ASKED [REDACTED] IF SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO COME TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO BE INTERVIEWED. SHE AGREED AND WAS TAKEN DOWNTOWN. REPORTING OFFICERS TOOK A COMPLETE TAPED STATEMENT FROM HER AT 1600 HOURS. SEE TRANSCRIPT FOR DETAILS.

JOHN CONNALLY FROM THE ME'S OFFICE RESPONDED TO THE SCENE. HE ORDERED AN AUTOPSY TO BE PERFORMED ON 11-07-86. SEE CASE FILE FOR COMPLETE STATEMENTS OF OTHER PERSONS INTERVIEWED.

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ABY DROWNED 10-79

THE CHILD WAS LEFT UNATTENDED FROM 1320 HOURS UNTIL FOUND AT
HOURS:

THE BABY WAS LEFT IN APPROXIMATELY 9" TO 11" OF WATER SITTING IN A PLASTIC RING APPROXIMATELY 11" IN DIAMETER.

WHEN THE BABYSITTER, [REDACTED], CHECKED ON THE BABY, SHE WAS OUT OF THE RING DEVICE AND FLOATING FACE UP. THE BABY WAS 10-75.

I FOUND THE BABY LAYING ON THE BED IN THE ROOM NEXT TO THE BATHROOM. I SAW THE WATER IN THE TUB, BUT SOMEONE IN THE HOUSE LET THE WATER OUT AS I WAS ATTEMPTING TO GET INFORMATION. I FOUND NO BRUISES OR SIGNS OF INJURY ON THE BODY ON MY OBSERVATION. I DID NOT MOVE THE BODY.

MR. CONNALLY FROM THE M.E.'S OFFICER CALLED.

██████████ STATED SHE KNEW THE TIMES AS SHE WAS WAITING FOR ANOTHER CHILD TO GET HOME FROM SCHOOL, AND AT 1320 HOURS STARTED MAKING A MEAL.

CAR C21, 130 ON THE SCENE. BODY REMOVED BY VERHEY TO BLODGETT
HOSP. SHORTLY AFTER MY ARRIVAL, I CHECKED THE WATER TEMP AND FOUND
TRANS SR2250/11-06-36 TH1A/19 IT WARM TO THE TOUCH

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PPLEMENTAL CRIME SCENE REPC.
GRAND RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Incident No. 86	94857	Technician / Badge Laemmel/Saur	/650/654	Date Report 6 Nov. 1986	Time Report 1506hrs
Location [REDACTED]			Incident Type Unknown Death		
Incident Address same			Incident Date same	District C1	Requested / Badge Williams /12
Object of Offense [REDACTED] W/F, 3/6/86			Other Agency / Incident Peculiarities		
Point of Entry n/a			Method of Entry n/a		
LATENT PRINTS		Processed for Latents Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Latents Recovered Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eliminations Obtained Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Name		Name		Name	
PHOTOGRAPHS		B&W No. Rolls No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Size 35mm	
Color No. Rolls No. <input type="checkbox"/> ONE		Polaroid No. Pics. No. <input type="checkbox"/> 13		Type SX70	
TRACE EVIDENCE		Blood Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Paint Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Shoe Prints Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Hairs or Fibers Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Glass Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
COMPOSITE Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		SKETCH Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Other REFER TO NARRATIVE	
Evidence Disposition					

Narrative

C.S.T. Laemmel photographed the scene with color film, C.S.T. Saur with polaroid. Photos included location of the baby on the bed in southwest bedroom, the bathtub and contents, and general condition of the south bedrooms and bathroom. C.S.T. Saur sketched the scene, with Laemmel assisting with measurements. Collected from the west side of the bed, a sample of unknown white colored powdery substance, which was wet. From the east side of the bed, collected another sample of white, wet powdery substance and a wooden paddle. Collected from the bathtub a yellow, four-legged plastic baby seat (approx. 10" in diameter and 5 1/2" tall), with suction cups on the bottoms of the legs. John Connolly, Medical Examiner responded to the scene, and the body was transported to Blodgett Hosp. by Dick Washburn of Verhev Transfer. An autopsy is scheduled for 11/7/86 at 0900hrs. Officers present upon our arrival were Adams #15, V. Kuiper #62 and Sgt. Rawley #516. MCT members Williams #12 and Kooistra #60 also responded to the scene. At 1550hrs, C.S.T. Laemmel went to Blodgett Hospital, and placed a tag identifying the body on the right big toe of the victim, a W/F, age 3mos., named [REDACTED].

INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW FORM

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NAME [REDACTED]

CASE

NUMBER

OFFICER(S) Williams / Kooistra

DATE OF INTERVIEW 11-6-86 TIME 1515

LOCATION [REDACTED]

INITIAL INTERVIEW Yes x No

RIGHTS READ Yes No

PERSONAL INFORMATION ON SUBJECT

(to be completed on initial interview)

RACE/SEX WM

D.O.B. 9-7-59

ADDRESS [REDACTED]

HOME PHONE [REDACTED]

EMPLOYER White & White Phar.

BUSINESS PHONE

OTHER INFO (SPECIFY)

SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PERSON'S INVOLVEMENT WITH CASE:

ROs were called to the scene to investigate the baby death. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was there and we talked with him. He is the father of the victim.

[REDACTED] is the mother of the victim. [REDACTED]

INTERVIEW NOTES

[REDACTED] says that [REDACTED] has been living with them for the past three months. He says that she was an employee from his unit he serves in with some Emergency Government agency. He said her parents live in the area but she decided to live with them and be there babysitter since both parents work.

[REDACTED] says that he and his wife left for work today at 0800 hours. He says that he received the call to come home on his pager. The mother received the call from where she was working at Union Bank through Manpower Employment Agency.

The [REDACTED] have two other children, [REDACTED], age 4, and [REDACTED], age 2. [REDACTED] was 7 months old.

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NECROPSY PROTOCOL

NECROPSY: A-86-410

NAME: [REDACTED]

BIRTHDATE: 3/6/86 SEX: F RACE: W

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

HOSPITAL NO.: Kent County

CITY, STATE: Grand Rapids, MI

SOC. SEC. NO.:

ATTENDING PHYSICIAN (S):

DATE & HOUR OF DEATH: 11/6/86 1400

OF NECROPSY: 11/7/86 0900

PROSECTOR: Dr. Stephen Cohle

PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT: Davison, Connolly

AUTHORIZATION: JT Connolly

RELATION: KCME Investigator

AUTOPSY RESTRICTIONS: none

EMBALMED: no

TOXICOLOGY: yes

MICROBIOLOGY: yes

CHEMISTRY: yes

FINAL DIAGNOSIS (ES):

1. Asphyxia by drowning
 - a. found by babysitter submerged in bathtub.
 - b. moderate pulmonary edema.
 - c. not found: evidence of intoxication, natural disease or injury.
2. Mild chronic bronchitis and bronchiolitis.

CONCLUSION: It is my opinion that [REDACTED], a 8 month old white female infant, died as the result of asphyxia by drowning. Other causes of death were excluded by the autopsy and subsequent toxicologic studies.

CAUSE OF DEATH: Asphyxia by drowning.

MANNER OF DEATH: Accident.

Stephen D. Cohle, M.D.

Stephen D. Cohle, M.D.
Forensic Pathologist

cc: Dr. Douglas Mack
Dr. Stephen Cohle

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HISTORY:

This 3 month old white female infant was found submerged in the bathtub by her babysitter at about 2:20 pm on 11/6/86. She allegedly had put the child in the bathtub between 1:20 and 2:00 pm. She claimed that the child was placed in a yellow plastic ring with suction cups on the bottom. At the scene the child was warm without livor mortis or rigidity. She had been removed from the tub. There were 10-12 inches of water in the tub.

IDENTIFICATION:

By toe tag. Foot prints are taken.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

The body is that of a normally developed white female infant of average build consistent with the stated age of 8 months and measuring 30 inches (76.2 cm). The body is normally nourished and weighs 20 1/2 pounds (9.3 kg).

There is good preservation in the absence of embalming. There is well developed posterior lividity which is normal in color. There is full rigidity and the body is cool after refrigeration.

The hairline is normal. The head hair is normal in amount, straight, blonde, and measures 2 1/2 inches. The body hair is fine and downy. The scalp, ears, nose, mouth, face and neck are normally formed. The eyes are closed. The corneas are clear. The irides are brown. The pupils are round and equal. No petechial hemorrhages are seen within the conjunctiva. The ears are not pierced. The mouth contains two lower incisors and no other teeth. The frenula of the upper and lower lips are intact. There is no injury to the buccal surface of the mouth. The neck is symmetrical. The chest is symmetrical. The abdomen is slightly protuberant. The limbs are equally and symmetrically developed. The genitalia are those of a normal infant female. The back and buttocks are intact.

There are faint punctate areas of erythema in the perioral region and on the posterior neck.

EVIDENCE OF TREATMENT:

None.

EVIDENCE OF INJURY:

Total body x-rays are taken. No old or recent fractures are seen. Incisions into the back and buttocks show no old or recent contusions.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:ORGAN WEIGHTS:

Brain 970 g.
Heart 50 g.
R.Lung 90 g.
L.Lung 80 g.
Liver 415 g.
Spleen 30 g.
R.Kidney 42 g.
L.Kidney 34 g.
Thymus 50 g.

HEAD:

The scalp is reflected in the usual coronal fashion. The scalp, calvarium and dura mater are unremarkable. There is no intracranial

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hemorrhage. The vessels at the base of the brain are normally situated and unremarkable. There is no evidence of herniation nor is there prominent notching of the cerebellar tonsils or unci. There is no midline shift. The brain is placed in formalin for further study. There are neither fractures nor natural disease of the skull.

CAVITIES:

The thoracic and abdominal viscera are normally disposed. The diaphragm is intact. There is no free fluid in the pleural or peritoneal cavities. There are 3-4 ml of amber fluid in the pericardial sac. The body wall fat measures 1/4 inch in thickness.

NECK:

The soft tissue of the neck contains a small hematoma of an estimated 0.5 ml volume on the left side. No natural disease is seen. There are no fractures of the hyoid bone or thyroid cartilage. There are no petechial hemorrhages within the larynx or pharynx.

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM:

The epicardium is smooth and glistening. The coronary arteries on the epicardial surface are normally disposed. The myocardium is dark brown and intact. The endocardium is smooth and glistening. The cardiac valves are intact. The coronary ostia are normally situated and are widely patent. There is a separate ostium within the right sinus of Valsalva for the conus branch. The foramen ovale and ductus arteriosus are closed. The aorta is normally formed and unremarkable.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM:

The larynx, trachea and bronchi are widely patent. The lungs are pink and contain a moderate amount of edema. No natural disease is seen. There are no focal lesions. There are no emboli within branches of the pulmonary artery.

LIVER:

The capsule is smooth and glistening. The parenchyma is dark brown and intact. The gallbladder contains 2-3 ml of bile and no gallstones.

SPLEEN:

The capsule is smooth and glistening. The parenchyma is dark red with prominent malpighian corpuscles and is unremarkable.

LYMPH NODES:


Unremarkable where seen. They are prominent, particularly within the mesentery. Lymphoid follicles are seen within the duodenum.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM:

The capsules of the kidneys strip with ease revealing smooth cortical lobulated cortical surfaces. On sectioning there is good corticomedullary demarcation. The mucosa of the renal pelves is smooth and white. The ureters are intact. The urinary bladder mucosa is white and smooth. The vagina is lined by intact tan epithelium. The cervix and uterus are normally formed and unremarkable. Each ovary contains several small cysts filled with clear fluid.

GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT:

The esophagus and pharynx are lined by intact blue-gray mucosa. The stomach contains approximately 15 ml of curdled white soft material consistent with milk. Semiliquid white chyme is present within the duodenum. The mucosal surfaces of the stomach, duodenum, jejunum, ileum and colon are intact and unremarkable. The appendix is present. The serosal surfaces are smooth and glistening.


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ENDOCRINE SYSTEM:

adrenal glands are unremarkable.

The pituitary gland, thyroid gland, pancreas and

MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM:

There are no fractures. The bone marrow is unremarkable where seen. The muscles are of the normal size and shape and unremarkable.

The remainder of the autopsy is without particular note.

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NAME: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
DATE OF SECTIONING: 12/3/86
HOSPITAL: KCME

GROSS DICTATION OF CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

DURA:

Available for examination and is unremarkable.

BRAIN:

PREFIXATION WT 970 g. POSTFIXATION WT 1070 g.

LEPTOMENINGES: transparent

VESSELS: at the base of the brain are normally situated and are unremarkable

EVIDENCE OF HERNIATION: none

EXTERNAL LESIONS:

CUT SECTIONS: CT PLANE CORONAL PLANE FOR CEREBRUM X

GRAY-WHITE DEMARCATION: indistinct

VENTRICLES: not enlarged

CHOROID PLEXUS: unremarkable

THALAMUS, HYPOTHALAMUS AND BASAL GANGLIA: normally formed and intact

PIGMENTED NUCLEI: no pigmentation of the substantia nigra or locus ceruleus

BRAIN STEM AND CEREBELLUM: normally formed and intact

SPINAL CORD: not examined

GROSS NEUROPATHOLOGIC DIAGNOSES:

1. Unremarkable infant brain.

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MICROSCOPIC

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM: Sections of heart including both ventricular free walls and the septum show no abnormalities.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: There is a very mild chronic inflammatory infiltrate beneath the larynx. There are multiple sites of peribronchial inflammation within lung sections. No pneumonia is seen.

LIVER: Unremarkable.

SPLEEN: Unremarkable.

LYMPH NODES: Unremarkable.

THYMUS: Unremarkable.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM: Kidney sections are unremarkable.

GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: A section of pharynx shows no abnormalities. Sections of stomach and duodenum and of ileocecal junction show no abnormalities. There are prominent lymphoid follicles within the lamina propria of the ileum.

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: Sections of thyroid gland, pancreas and of the adrenal glands show no abnormalities.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM: Sections of cerebral cortex and of pons show no abnormalities.

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TOXICOLOGY

BLOOD DRUG SCREEN:

No drugs detected.

VITREOUS HUMOR:

VUN: 17 mg/dl

Na: 135 mEq/L

K: 10.0 mEq/L

Cl: 121 mEq/L

CO₂: 10 mEq/L

glucose: 35 mg/dl

creatinine: 0.2 mg/dl

BACTERIOLOGY

SPINAL FLUID CULTURE:

no growth

BLOOD CULTURE:

no growth

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Page 1. Interview of [REDACTED] (CF) by Detectives Tim Williams (TW) and Ken Kooistra (KK) on 11/6/86

Ken Kooistra (KK): We'll start. Today's date is November 6th. The time is approximately 3:58 p.m. Present in the room are Detective Tim Williams, Detective Ken Kooistra and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Detective Williams and myself have gone through these constitutional rights and you have signed the card indicating that you understand those rights and you're willing to talk to us in regards to an incident that took place on today's date over at [REDACTED]. Is that correct?

[REDACTED] (CF): Yes.

KK: Okay, why don't you, in order to get things together and understand the whole story, why don't you tell us a little bit about the background? I understand that you live with these people at this address?

CF: Yes, I do.

KK: Okay, what are their names?

CF: Um [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

KK: Okay, and when did you move in with these people?

CF: About, in October, October 2nd.

KK: October 2nd of 1986?

CF: Yes.

KK: Okay.

Tim Williams (TW): Why is that?

KK: What was the arrangements that you had when you moved in?

CF: The arrangement was to babysit the kids while they were at work and to keep the house clean. That's all.

KK: Okay, what--what normal hours do they go to work? When do they usually leave?

CF: They leave around eight o'clock in the morning and get home at five thirty at night.

KK: Okay. Do you have to pay any rent or do you have to do anything else or do they support you with room and board then?

CF: Well, I did have to pay them ninety dollars a month but I guess they're givin' it back to me because I'm babysittin' the kids.

KK: Okay.

TW: Where would you have got that money from anyway?

CF: Welfare.

TW: Oh, do you receive that still?

CF: Yes.

TW: Okay.

CF: I just started it October 2nd.

TW: Do you have any children of your own?

CF: No, I don't.

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TW: What children do ya babysit there?

CF: I babysit [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

TW: Okay, how old is [REDACTED] Is it [REDACTED]?

CF: [REDACTED] is four years old. [REDACTED]'s two. [REDACTED]'s seven months.

TW: Seven months old? Okay, and you've been babysitting for the last three months?

CF: No.

TW: How long?

CF: I've been babysittin' since about the last of October.

TW: Oh, okay, okay, so just for how long?

CF: About four weeks already.

TW: Four weeks? Okay. Um--you live right there then?

CF: Yes.

TW: You have your own room?

CF: Um-hum, in the basement.

TW: Oh, okay. Um--what--what time did the--Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]?

CF: [REDACTED].

TW: [REDACTED]. What time did they leave today?

CF: They left around eight o'clock today.

TW: Both of 'em together?

CF: Yes.

TW: They drive together? Is that right?

CF: Um-hum.

TW: Okay, and then it was just you and who else at home?

CF: Me, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

TW: Okay. Does [REDACTED] leave at some time then?

CF: [REDACTED] leaves when his bus comes in the morning which is either time.

TW: What time?

CF: Well, it's supposed to be there around eight o'clock or eight thirty but it don't get there til nine twenty.

TW: Okay. And then what happens after that?

CF: I set the kids down. [REDACTED], she usually goes to sleep and [REDACTED] she plays on the couch and she ate cookies today so...

TW: Okay, okay, um--at some point today do you give the baby a bath?

CF: Yes, I gave her a bath first so I got her out of that one.

KK: What time was that roughly?

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CF: Um--around ten o'clock today.

KK: Okay. So at ten o'clock you gave her a bath. Then, who else is home?

CF: Just me and the little girl.

KK: Just you and [REDACTED]

CF: Me and----

TW: And [REDACTED]

CF: --and [REDACTED]

TW: [REDACTED] two years old?

CF: Yes.

TW: And [REDACTED]'s six or seven months?

CF: Seven months.

TW: Okay, so it's just the three of you at home and you give [REDACTED] a bath?

CF: Well, I gave [REDACTED] a bath first.

TW: Okay.

CF: Then I got her out and got her dressed but she got um--dirty again by eating cookies and crawlin' all over the floor again so I went to give her another bath around one o'clock today.

TW: Okay, why is that? Because she was dirty again?

CF: Yea, she was--there was cookies and everything all over her face and her legs.

TW: Okay, okay, so what time did ya start giving her her bath?

CF: Around one o'clock.

TW: Around one o'clock? What do you do, just put her in the tub?

CF: I set her in the tub.

TW: Okay.

CF: I usually just set her in there, ya know, and just go do what I had to do and go back in and get her out. But I had got her in, went outside to pick up [REDACTED] which it was only a few minutes before [REDACTED] had to get home. So he got home and I went back in to check on her. She was still playin'. And I went in the kitchen to fix their lunch and I went to feed them. She was still splashing water so I thought she'd still be playing. I should've just went in there and got her out but I didn't. I thought I'd just let her play cuz she usually throws a tantrum when she gets out of water.

TW: Okay, so how much longer did ya wait before ya went to check on her again?

CF: Oh, around um--ten after two.

TW: Okay, ten after two is when you checked on her again?

CF: Yea, cuz her brother got home around one thirty today.

TW: Okay, so when was the last time you checked her prior to ten after two?

CF: Um-m-m-I went in....

TW: In terms of minutes, ya know, was it twenty minutes or ten minutes or a half hour? Do ya understand what I'm sayin'?

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CF: Well, when he got home at one thirty, I heard her splashing. That was around one thirty-five.

TW: Okay.

KK: Did you go in and check on her?

CF: Yes.

KK: Okay, and she was alright?

CF: Um-hum.

KK: Okay, so at one thirty-five, you went in the kitchen and made lunch?

CF: Yes.

KK: Okay, and you made lunch and then what? Did you check on her from one thirty-five until two ten?

CF: No.

TW: Okay, but you heard her splashing at some point there?

CF: Um-hum.

TW: Okay, at what point? Soon after ya got into the kitchen or um---

CF: When I went to the kitchen she was splashing and when I came back there, she was still splashing.

TW: Okay. What--what did ya do from one thirty-five until two ten?

CF: I was keeping an eye on [REDACTED] and watching t.v. with him, waiting for cartoons and that to come on so we can watch it.

TW: Okay, do ya remember what you were watching on t.v.?

CF: Superman--or Super Friends.

TW: Super Friends?

CF: Yea.

TW: Is that between one thirty and two?

CF: Yes.

TW: And then what comes on at two?

CF: On two o'clock come uh---I can't remember. I don't usually watch---

TW: You started watchin' some of that though?

CF: I started watchin' some of Super Friends.

TW: Okay, how do ya know it was ten after two that you went and checked on the baby?

CF: Because I checked my watch.

TW: Okay. And it was ten after two and what happens then?

CF: I went in there and I checked on her and I hurried up and got her outta the tub cuz she was laying face up in the tub; and I got her out.

TW: Okay, out--out of the....

CF: The bathtub.

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TW: What--she was out of the little holder that she's normally in? Was she in that holder prior to that? Do you know what I'm talkin' about? That little ring?

KK: That ring?

CF: That little ring?

TW: Yea.

CF: Well, she was in it when she was playin', yes.

TW: Right.

CF: But she must've crawled out of it somehow.

TW: Okay.

KK: When did she--when you were in there at, well, let's say one thirty, was she still in that ring?

CF: Yes.

KK: Okay.

CF: Cuz I sat her back up cuz she was kinda like leaning.

KK: Okay, leaning, falling? Okay. How much water did ya put in that tub when you drew the water for the bath? How much water did ya put in the tub would ya guess?

CF: With the thing sittin' in it, it makes it like rise when....

TW: Sure. With the baby in it, do ya mean?

CF: Yea, with the baby in it and with the yellow ring in it.

TW: The ring? Well, okay, how far did it come up to?

CF: About like this.

TW: Okay, you're indicating what? You're indicating about eight or nine inches?

CF: Yes.

TW: Is that about right? You're sep--you're putting your hands apart there and could you do that again?

CF: About like that.

TW: Okay, you're puttin' almost ten to twelve inches then?

CF: With the baby in it, ya know,...

TW: It goes higher than that?

CF: ...it kinda goes a little bit higher.

TW: Okay. How high does it come up on the baby?

CF: About right to here.

TW: Okay, about the waist?

CF: Um-hum.

TW: Okay.

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KK: Did you ever [REDACTED], did you ever go in, let's say after one thirty,-- you physically went into the bathroom, opened the door and checked on the baby, right?

CF: The door was open.

KK: The door was open.

CF: I don't shut it.

KK: Okay. And then you made lunch and so on?

CF: Yes.

KK: You never basically went back to the door and checked---physically, visually observed what she was doing? You heard her splashing and stuff and assumed that she was...

CF: Yes.

KK: ...fine. Is that correct?

CF: Yes, it's true.

KK: Okay. What happened at two ten then? When you went back in there, and you found the baby? She was lying face up?

CF: I rushed in there.

KK: Did you say?

CF: Yes.

KK: Okay, and then what did you do?

CF: I ran in there. I got her out. The water was comin' out of her onto the bed. I gave her mouth to mouth resuscitation so that made more of the water come up. Then I hurried and got around the bed and called my mother and she come driving down the street fast.

KK: Okay, mother lives up on [REDACTED] 2

CF: Yea, my mother.

KK: Okay.

TW: What's the address up there?

CF: [REDACTED]

TW: Okay.

CF: She come down real quick and she was givin' the baby CPR too.

TW: Um-hum.

CF: Cuz the baby got it on this side of the bed and this side of the bed...

KK: Um-hum.

CF: Ya know, to lay her back over and squeezed her stomach a little bit while I was givin' her CPR and my mother tried to do it and she couldn't get her---and another person come down and...

KK: Who was the other person that came down?

CF: I wouldn't know his name. He was--he lives on the other side of the street.

KK: Okay, one of the neighbors or somebody?

CF: He was a neighbor.

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KK: Okay. He came down?

CF: Yes.

KK: Okay, then what happened?

CF: He was giving her CPR and he was tryin'--tryin' til some officer came and...

KK: Who--who would've called the officer? Did you call the officers or did your mom or....

CF: Well, actually, the person in the white house next to us and I did, we both called 'em at the same time.

TW: Um-m, okay. So the police came and...

CF: Yes.

TW: ...and they tried to assist you then?

CF: Um-hum.

TW: Okay. Have you done this in the past with the baby? Ya know, left him unattended?

CF: No.

TW: Okay, why did ya today?

CF: Well, this is the first time I had a baby to babysit.

TW: Today?

CF: No, not--well, last time the mother and them would give the baby a bath.

TW: Um-hum.

CF: So I told her, ya know, I'd give--well, I had to give the baby one this morning cuz she--she was all soakin' wet from peeing in the bed...

TW: Yea.

CF: ..overnight, ya know.

TW: Right.

CF: And I had to give her a bath cuz she was smelly.

TW: Okay.

CF: She got a bath this morning but she got dirty again this afternoon.

TW: Okay, have you given ~~her~~ a bath in the past?

CF: No, just today.

TW: Today is the first time you ever gave him a bath--gave her a bath?

CF: Yes. I gave the little girl a bath--~~her~~.

TW: ~~That's~~

CF: That's the only one I gave a bath and ~~her~~.

TW: Okay, but you've never given ~~her~~ a bath before?

CF: No, I'd just take a rag or somethin' and wipe ~~her~~.

TW: Okay.

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CF: But she wasn't actually that dirty the last time when I gave [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]--or [REDACTED] a bath.

KK: So is it fair to assume, [REDACTED], that you've never had [REDACTED] in the bath tub other than--today was the first time?

CF: Yes.

KK: And--and the only reason you did that was because, of course, [REDACTED] was full of urine and then later on got herself dirty again so you were tryin' to help by cleaning her up and putting her in the bath tub for the second time?

CF: Yes.

KK: And cleaning her up. Normally, mother would take care of this type of thing?

CF: Yes.

KK: Okay.

TW: Have you watched the mother give her a bath before?

CF: No.

TW: Never had watched her? How'd ya know how to use that ring?

CF: Well, it sticks to the bottom of the tub.

TW: Yea.

CF: I set the baby in there today and I held onto her to wash her up. Then I brought her out. The second time--well, she started screamin' when I took her out.

TW: Um-hum.

CF: After having the bath the first time. So the second time I just, ya know, wanted to leave her in there for about fifteen minutes and that's it...

TW: Yea.

CF: ...ya know, let her play and that and let her feet and that rinse off her legs, and she didn't wanna get out so I let her play a little bit more in there.

KK: How much--how much experience, [REDACTED], have you had in babysitting? I mean, do you do that quite a bit? Are ya--this is not the first time, obviously, that you babysat, right?

CF: I babysatted about three or four times with my little cousin, [REDACTED].

KK: Okay. Had you babysat before as a--as a young girl like when you were thirteen, fourteen, fifteen?

CF: No.

KK: Okay, and how about when you babysat, have you ever given other kids baths? Or is this the first time you've ever given---

CF: No, this is the only kids I ever gave a bath to.

KK: Are [REDACTED] and...

CF: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

KK: Okay, they're the only kids that you've actually given baths to?

CF: Yes, sir.

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TW: What's your date of birth?

CF: 8/28/68.

TW: Okay.

KK: How about the--I know your mom was there and you were there and the neighbor was there and the police apparently, eventually ended up there, right?

CF: Um-hum.

KK: How did mother and dad get called? [REDACTED]

CF: Um--my mother called.

KK: Your mother called? Who did she call then? [REDACTED] or--

CF: She called Mrs. [REDACTED] her [REDACTED]. She called her.

KK: She knew that she was workin' at [REDACTED]?

CF: Yes, I told her she worked at [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

KK: What does she do there?

CF: She's a person that takes books and that stuff from one bank to the next.

KK: Okay.

CF: Like a accountant or something like that.

KK: Yea, that person that transfers accounts, sort of a messenger, a runner..

CF: Yes.

KK: ..I guess would be more descript, right?

CF: Um-hum.

KK: Okay, and how about--then apparently what? The mother then apparently got a hold of Mister and had him---

CF: Yes.

KK: ...come in from work. Apparently he's on a radio or somethin' where they can get a hold of him? Or a beeper?

CF: We've got a beeper.

KK: He's got a beeper. And then apparently, what? Did they both come together or did they come separately?

CF: No, she came separately with someone else that she worked with.

KK: Okay. What happened once she got there?

CF: Um--she had the other person drive her home. She got there and the first thing she did was she grabbed on me.

KK: She what?

CF: She grabbed on me.

KK: Yea.

CF: She wrapped her arms and everything around me.

KK: Okay.

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CF: And started crying.

KK: Okay.

CF: And so I eventually started cryin' again. Then she let go of me, ran up the stairs, held onto her mother and...

KK: Where did her mother come from?

CF: Her--uh--I don't know who called her mother.

KK: But at some point in time her mother showed up?

CF: Yes.

KK: Okay.

CF: So---

KK: How about her husband then? Did her husband eventually show up?

CF: Her--I--her husband was out of town.

KK: Um-hum.

CF: And then fin--I guess finally got a hold of him and I guess he went just bookin' (?) home.

KK: Okay.

CF: And she went into the house. She seen ~~somebody~~ covered up. She uncovered him for a minute, I guess is what happened. She ran into the bathroom and went in the bathroom. She was just cryin' real hard. My mother went in to try to talk to her and shut--she shut the door on my mother. And my mother--she tries to help people when they're in real situations like that cuz she had the same problem. She was sittin' in the room with her father that died....

TW: Yea.

CF: ...holdin' his hand. So my mother knows how she feels about the baby. Cuz her son died too and she never got to hold it. It was only seven hours later that it died. So my mother knows how she feels about the baby.

KK: How many--how many brothers and sisters do you have?

CF: I have one brother and one sister.

KK: Okay, how old is your sister?

CF: My sister's sixteen. She's gonna have a baby.

KK: And how about your brother?

CF: My brother's eighteen--or nineteen.

KK: Okay. And at any time when you were a youngster, did you ever babysit your sister or anything?

CF: No.

KK: Now, basically you've told us what you can remember as to what happened? This is the way you remember it as what happened?

CF: Okay.

KK: The time span between one thirty and ten after two, from what you've told me I assume that you were sitting in the living room there?

CF: Yes.

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KK: Watching tv with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

CF: [REDACTED]

TW: [REDACTED] was in the bath tub.

KK: [REDACTED] was in the bath tub.

CF: Yes.

KK: Okay. Do you have any questions for us?

CF: No. I just was wondering if it's gonna put me somewhere.

KK: Well, how do you mean that? What do you mean 'put you somewhere'?

CF: If it's gonna put me in jail or something or...

TW: What we're gonna do is take this case to the prosecutor and they'll review it and they'll decide what we should do with it. Okay?

CF: Um-hum.

KK: Why would you wonder if we're gonna--if this is gonna put you somewhere? I mean what--what--what are your feelings, I guess, [REDACTED]

CF: I'm just afraid.

KK: Okay.

CF: I wasn't tryin' to hurt the baby or anything, ya know.

KK: Yea, I understand that.

TW: Did you--did it ever occur to you that you should've probably not have done that?

CF: Yes.

TW: Left the baby unattended?

CF: Yes.

TW: Why--when did it occur to you?

CF: When my father was talking to me and when I went in there to get the baby.

TW: Okay, okay. I don't wanna, ya know, scold you or anything. That's not our position. I guess, you realize it was a wrong thing to do, ya know. You should've--anytime you have a baby in the bath tub like that, you should be with them.

KK: Did you say something about you came back--you said you weren't living with your folks, if I understood that, right? You don't live with your folks?

CF: No, I don't.

KK: But you said you went somewhere or something?

CF: Yes, I was on a mission.

KK: You were on a mission?

CF: Yea, I'm in the Civil Air Patrol and when they called about that flood that happened in Muskegon, I went there to take care of....

KK: Oh, okay, so you were helping Civil Air Patrol with all the people in the floods up in Muskegon and Newaygo County and so on?

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CF: Yes, cuz I was a PAO.

KK: Okay. A what?

CF: PAO, I'm a personnel officer.

KK: Oh, okay. So you helped those people up there and then what? You eventually came back to Grand Rapids?

CF: Yes.

KK: And then instead of going back with your folks, how did you make the arrangement to--to tie up with these people? Who made that arrangement?

CF: They're--~~████~~ is my Commanding Officer.

KK: Oh, okay. I understand.

CF: (?)---

KK: Okay, so ~~████~~ made the arrangement and said you can stay at our house if you babysit our kids and that's how the whole thing?

CF: Yes.

KK: Okay. I got lost in the shuffle there, how we got this arranged, but now I understand it. Okay.

TW: That should do it.

KK: This concludes the interview at 4:15 p.m.

CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

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1. Name of Consumer (Print)	2. Telephone No. (Home)	(Work)
3. Address	4. City	State Zip Code

5. Give details of accident, injury, or illness. Describe how incident occurred. (Use reverse side if necessary.)

Bathing ring is made of hard plastic w/ 4 prong legs with suction cups to secure to bottom of bath tub surface. Bathing ring resembles a hoola hoop with legs. Babysitter was bathing child and left the bathroom for a few min. to check on 2 other children 4 & 5 years of age. When babysitter returned she found baby face down floating in bath water. Babysitter performed CPR on baby and there was no response. Baby was rushed to hospital, baby expired. Ring was 9" in diameter. Child weighed 20 1/2 lbs. and 30" tall. Child fits inside ring. Investigators believe that child floated out of ring and drowned. Baby was in 9-10" of bath water. Age recommendation-- baby's from 6 mos. Warning label on bathing ring was in small type: Do not leave child unattended. Parents feels that ring needs stronger and larger print warnings on product and that a safety strap be attached to bathing ring. Mfg. was contacted and is currently denying liability. Parents have filed law suit.

6. If injury or illness: Victim's Name clients daughter Relationship clients daughter

Age 8 mos. Sex F Date 11/6/86 Type Injury drowned

Body Part Involved Body Treatment N/A

7. Description of Product	8. Was this product damaged before incident?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Child Bathing Ring	Regained before incident?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1986	Regained after incident?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

9. Brand Name	10. Issuing Number, Lot, etc.
The Baby Sitter	Boston pat. no. on duplicate ring:
11. Manufacturer's Name and Address	12. Dealer's Name and Address
A-Plus Products Inc.	110223263
8780 National Blvd.	Meijers Thrifty Acres
Culver CA 90232	Kalamazoo Ave.
	Grand Rapids MI address unknown

13. How product acquired?	14. Age of Product
Purchased New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Second Hand <input type="checkbox"/> Other	1 yr.
15. Is product available for inspection?	16. Does product have warning label or instructions?
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
17. Have you contacted the manufacturer?	18. Do you object to the use of your name?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If not, do you plan to contact them? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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19. Receiving Office	20. Date Received	21. Received by	22. Receiving Office
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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION REQUEST FORM

Document Number #84689/A1

Date of Incident 11/6/86 Category I.D. Sect 15/1988

Follow-up Requested ☐ Hazard Analysis ☐ Section 15 ☒

Type Follow-up Requested ☐ Telephone Call ☐ On-Site ☒

Headquarters Contact René Rauchschnalle X 6608

Assignment Message conduct an I.D.I. on the attached
complaint involving a death from an
infant bath ring. Document scenario and
product ident. Attempt to collect unit as
sample with instructions / packaging. Attempt
to determine if suction cups released or if the
child slipped through device into water. Photograph
tub area and determine if surface was smooth
or had apphims. were parents and babysitter aware
of the warning labels on the product / packaging?

Person(s) to Contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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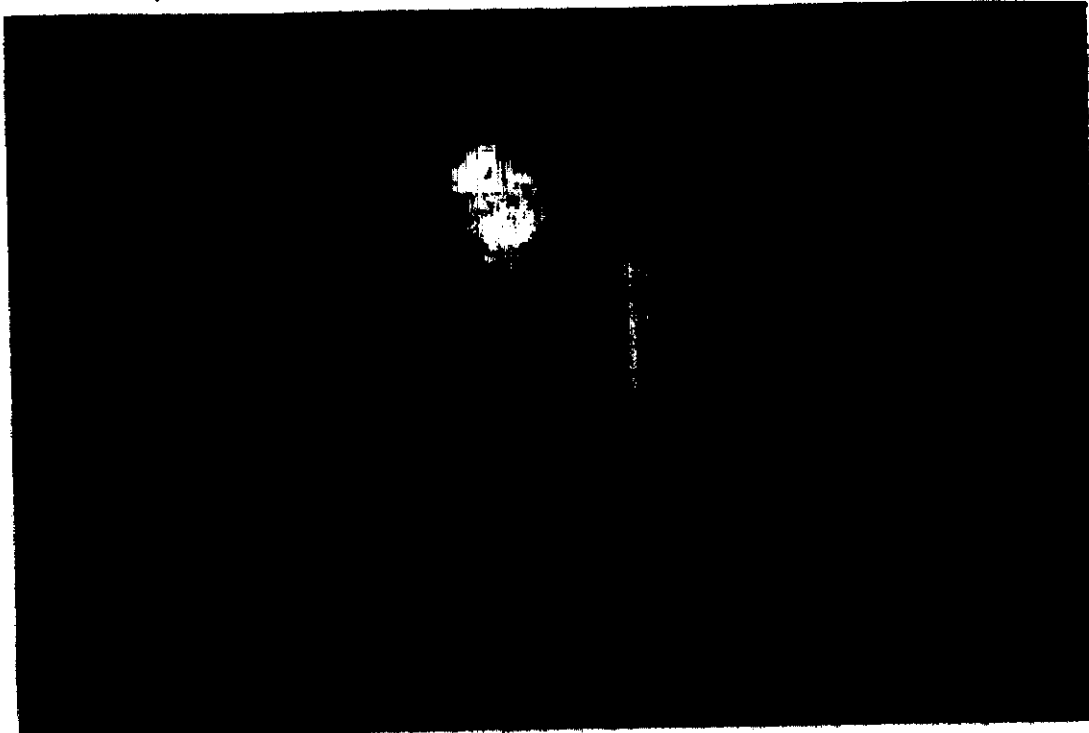
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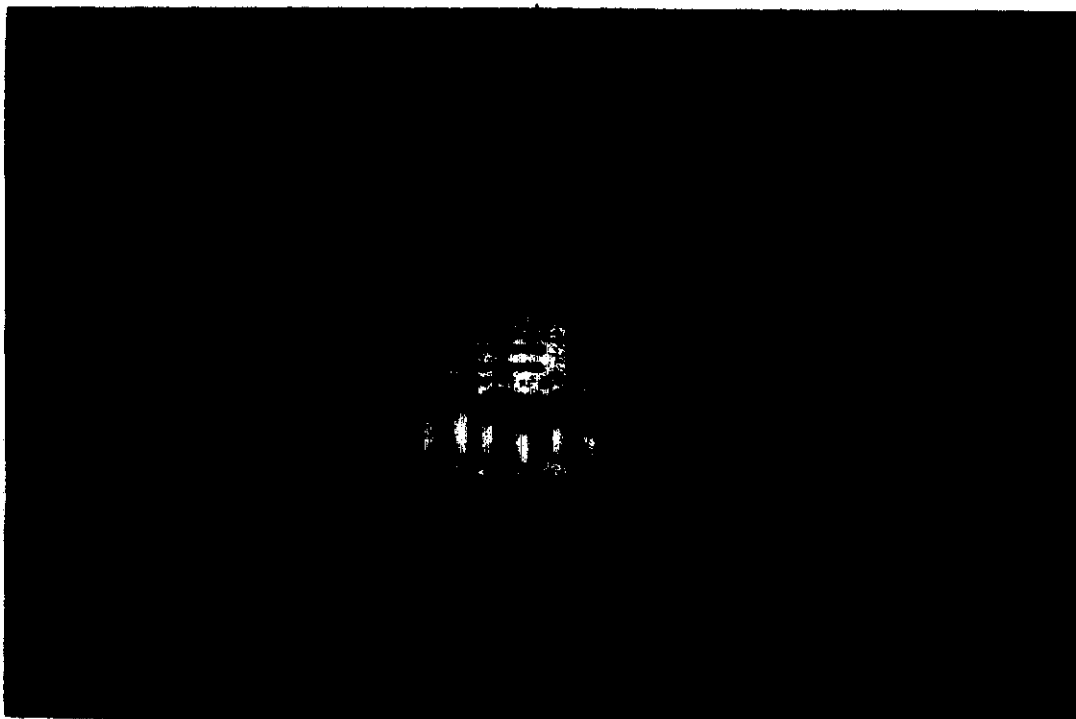
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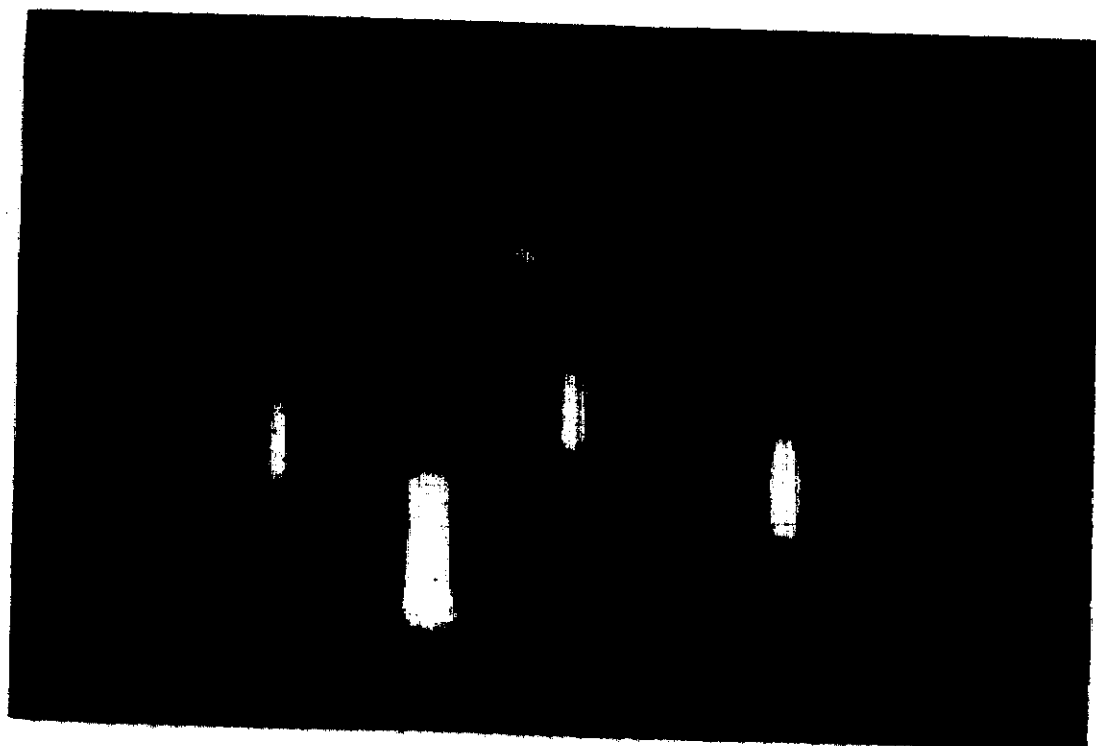
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VIEW of actual Ring involved in incident
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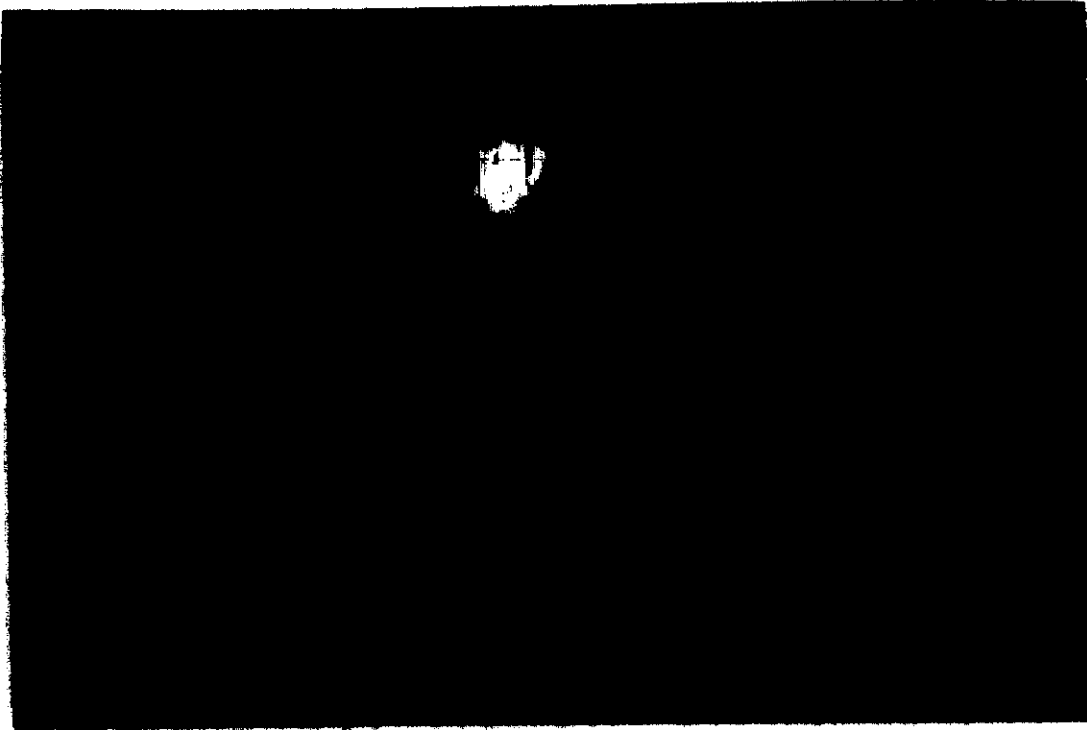
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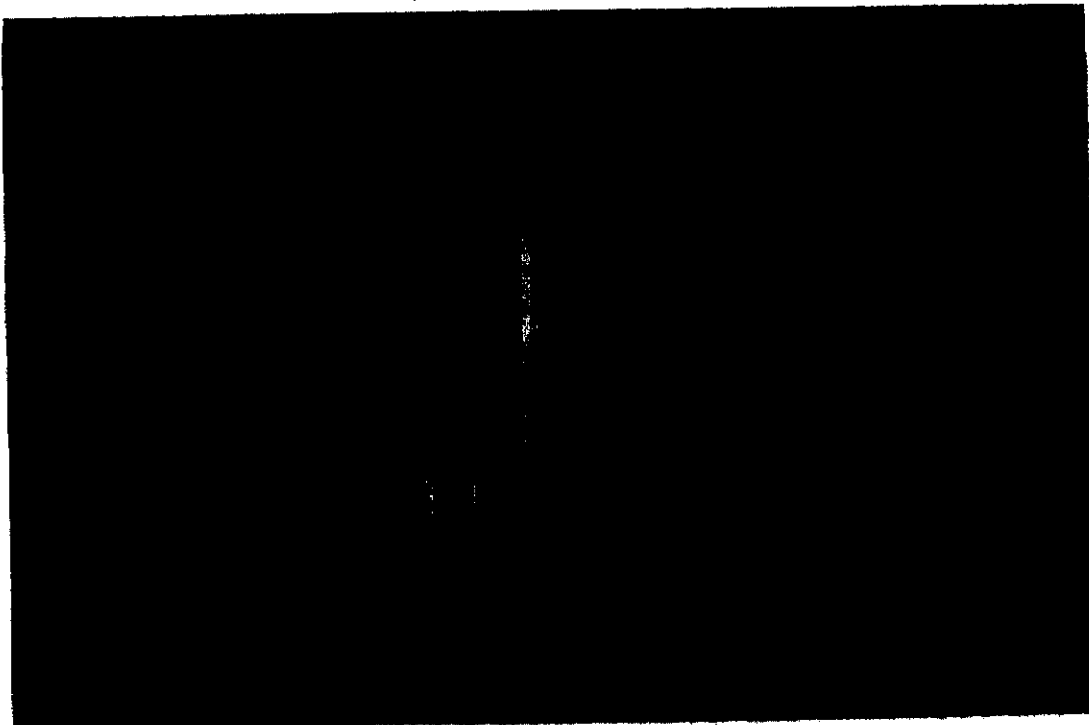
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View of front of carton similar to one that contained ring involved in incident 5/4/88

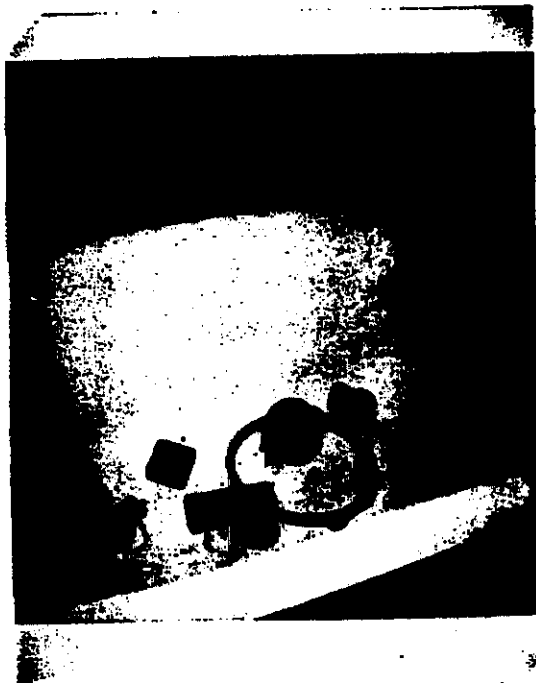


View of top of carton similar to one containing ring involved 5/4/88

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